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India's first fully-digital census to start on April 1

The process starts with self-enumeration in Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Odisha, Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands from April 1. The Census 2027 will be done in two phases—house listing or house census and population enumeration. After a 15-day self-enumeration period, the 30-day house-listing phase will begin on April 16. Across the country, the first phase will be wrapped up by October | P9

TRUMP THREATENS OBLITERATION

Open Hormuz or face destruction of power plants, oil wells, desalination plants: Don to Iran

AGENCIES @ Washington, Tel Aviv

US President Donald Trump on Monday warned that Iran faces mass destruction of its energy resources unless a deal to end the war is reached "shortly".

Trump ranted on social media that "great progress is being made" in talks with Iran, adding if a deal is not reached and if the strategic Hormuz Strait is not immediately reopened, the US would broaden its offensive by "completely obliterating all of their electric generating plants, oil wells and Kharg Island (and possibly all desalinization plants!)."

Destroying civilian infrastructure such as power and water facilities would be illegal under international humanitarian law and could constitute a war crime, experts say. A scrubby island in the Gulf that is roughly one third the size of Manhattan, Kharg Island is the nerve centre of the Iranian oil industry. Later, Trump revealed he was negotiating with Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, as per *The Times of Israel*.

In a significant development, the Israeli military indicated it has been ordered by the political leadership to shift to hitting economic targets in Iran, *The Times of Israel* revealed. Israel's defence establishment added that it had entered the "completion phase" of the war. It meant that it has largely achieved the objectives of degrading Iran's military capabilities and creating conditions for the regime to fall.

A blaze at the site of a missile strike at the Haifa oil refinery in Israel after it was hit by debris from the interception of a projectile on Monday | x

DAY 31 WAR WATCH

Iran has previously threatened to retaliate by targeting energy infrastructure and desalination plants in its Arab neighbours in the Gulf who host US military bases.

Market experts warned that any US ground operation or wider Iranian retaliation could send oil prices to levels not seen since the July 2008 commodity boom, when the cost of world benchmark crude Brent hit close to $150 per barrel.

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi appealed directly to Trump on Monday to find an off-ramp. "Please, help us to stop the war, you are capable of it," Sisi said in Cairo.

On the ground on Monday, there was no let-up in hostilities. Israel said its air defence batteries responded to "missiles launched from Iran" after earlier announcing it was striking "terror regime military infrastructure across Tehran". Israel's fire and rescue services also reported a blaze at an oil refinery in the northern port city of Haifa.

Israel's military said it had struck the Imam Hossein University in Tehran run by Iran's Revolutionary Guards. Iran confirmed Revolutionary Guards commander Alireza Tangsiri had been killed. P11

Man from TN killed in strike on Kuwait plant

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Ramanathapuram/ New Delhi

A DAY after **Santhana Selvam**, a Tamil working in a Kuwait firm, was killed in Iranian attack on a power and water desalination facility in the Gulf country, his family on Monday sought the state government's help to bring the body back to India. With the death of the 36-year-old from Ramanathapuram, the total number of Indian fatalities in the West Asia conflict has gone up to eight since the hostilities began on February 28.

Santhana Selvam had been working in Kuwait for more than a decade at Al Dhow Engineering General Trading & Contracting Company. He was the sole breadwinner and is survived by his wife and two children.

RUPEE BREACHES 95/$ LEVEL

The rupee breached the 95/USD-mark in intra-day trade on Monday before settling at 94.70. The BSE Sensex tumbled 1,635.67 points, or 2.22 per cent, to settle at 71,947.55. This month alone, the benchmark has crashed 11.48 per cent, ever since the West Asia conflict began | P12

Draft IT rules give Centre powers to censor user-generated news content

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Electronics and IT has proposed to make sweeping changes to the digital media oversight framework to monitor and regulate user-generated news and current affairs content on social media.

The proposed amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 give the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting statutory powers to order removal of news-related content from YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, X, and other influential social media platforms.

Currently, the digital media oversight framework applies to publishers of news content and curated content platforms. The amendments would extend it to individual users, professional content creators, and social media influencers with millions of followers.

According to the government, the move is to strengthen social media platforms' accountability and stop malicious content from going viral.

Under the proposed rules, all social media platforms must comply with government advisories and directions, including orders to remove content deemed harmful or misleading. Non-compliance may cost safe harbour protection (legal provisions that shield platforms from liability for content posted by users).

The contentious move comes amid allegations of arbitrary ban and restriction of Facebook pages, YouTube videos, and Insta reels of influencers who are critical of the government. Digitial rights activists say the proposed amendments would heighten censorship risks.

After delay of 2 decades, tenders invited for PRR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) invited tenders on Monday for the much-awaited Bangalore Business Corridor (BBC), also called the Peripheral Ring Road, at an estimated cost of Rs 3,348 crore.

The tenders have been invited for the first package of the project covering nearly 20 km, which has to be completed within 36 months. With this, it looks like the project, delayed for nearly two decades, is finally moving. If the work gets completed as planned, the 20 km ring road would be completed by mid-2029, easing traffic in the city.

The EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) tender Package-1 is from Tumakuru Road to Ballari Road for 19.80 km. The tender includes 10 years of operation and maintenance on design, build, operate and transfer (DBOT) mode.

As per the timeline mentioned in the tender document, the last date for tender enquiries is April 15, and the last date to submit the tender is May 4. The technical bids would be opened on May 6 and the financial bid on May 11. The tender also had a note which read, "The implementation of the project on lands that are subject matter of various writ petitions pending in the High Court of Karnataka is subject to the outcome of such writ petitions." P2

EXPRESS READ

Retd brigadier dies in road rage crossfire

Dehradun: A retired Army brigadier, who was on his morning walk, was killed in a crossfire when occupants of two cars opened fire following a dispute over giving way on the road. The incident happened in Johri village of Rajpur in Dehradun early on Monday | P10

Cong did nothing to end Naxal violence: Shah

New Delhi: Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday blamed the Congress for the long spell of Naxal violence, saying it did "nothing" during its rule to end the menace. During a debate in the Lok Sabha, he said Maoists are almost eradicated from their den Bastar in Chhattisgarh | P10

भारत की जनगणना 2027 CENSUS OF INDIA जनगणना से जन कल्याण

Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India सत्यमेव जयते

OUR CENSUS
OUR DEVELOPMENT

(First Phase of Census – 2027)

House listing and Housing Census by the Government of India is about to begin in your State/Union Territory.
Before this, a 15-day special facility is being provided where you can fill in your information online yourself.

SELF-ENUMERATION (SE)

SE Period in the State of Karnataka is from
1st April 2026 to 15th April 2026

Simple, Secure and Digital Process

How to do Self-Enumeration ?

- Visit the official portal: se.census.gov.in
- Log in via OTP using your mobile number
- Select your State, District and locality details
- Mark your house location on the Digital Map
- Fill in information related to the house and family
- You will receive an SE ID after submission
- Keep your SE ID safe
- Provide the SE ID to the Enumerator when they visit
- The Enumerator will verify the information

Its Benefits

- Saves time
- Accurate information
- Faster data processing

Remember: Self-Enumeration is a special facility
If you are unable to self-enumerate, do not worry; an enumerator will definitely visit your home during the scheduled period to record the information

All your information will remain completely confidential and secure

PARTICIPATE IN THE CENSUS

Say with pride – My count is the strength of the country

Let's fulfill our responsibility and participate in the Census

@CensusIndia2027

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Trividha Dasohi, Maha Shivayogigalu, Paramapoojya

Dr. Sree Sree Sree Sivakumara Mahaswamiji's

119th Birthday Celebrations
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Guruvandana Mahothsava

01-04-2026 Wednesday, 11.00 A.M.
Sree Siddaganga Math, Tumakuru

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Smt. Droupadi Murmu

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• Nakshatra: Purvaphalguni 3.23 pm • Moon in Kanya Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
• Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

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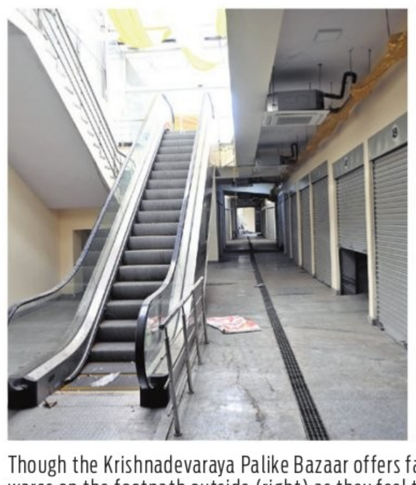
Sunset 06.31 pm
Moonrise 05.11 pm
Moonset 04.55 am



Though the Krishnadevaraya Palike Bazaar offers facilities like escalators, air-conditioning and lift, vendors prefer to ply their wares on the footpath outside (right) as they feel that no customer would go to the underground market | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

UNDERGROUND PALIKE BAZAAR A FLOP, VENDORS PREFER FOOTPATH

GBA fails to monetise ₹13-crore project; Taxpayer money goes waste

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

KRISHNADEVARAYA Palike Bazaar, the underground market located next to Vijayanagar Metro Station, was inaugurated with much fanfare 20 months ago. Yet today, all 79 shops remain shut, despite facilities like escalators, air-conditioning and a lift. The project was constructed at a cost of Rs 13crore.

Vendors to whom these shops were allotted continue to run their businesses on the footpath, stating that no customers would take the trouble to walk underground, which would mean zero business.

Naveen Kumar, who sells betel leaves on the footpath near the bazaar, was one of the allottees. He said, "More than 150 shops are running their business on the footpath on this stretch of nearly one kilometre. However, there are only 79 shops in the underground bazaar which were allotted, while the remaining shops continued to sell their goods on footpaths. This is why customers are not interested in walking down. When our shop was underground, we did zero business."

"Other shop vendors who did not get shops in the Palike Bazaar threatened GBA officials and political leaders that they would approach court. They also alleged that officials and politicians had allotted shops only to those who were known to them, instead of allotting them to the original vendors. This is why all of us have got back to the footpath," he added.

Govindraj, another vegetable vendor, said, "The facility created by GBA was actually good. With air-conditioning in underground shops, vegetables wouldn't have rotted during summer. When we set up shop on the footpath, vegetables go dry and rot, causing losses."

Meanwhile, most of the vendors have kept materials, including baskets, huge umbrellas, chairs and tables inside their bazaar stalls, only to pick them up in the morning and set up their stalls on footpaths.

A senior official from Vijayanagar ward said, "Tenders have been floated several times for these shops. However, only four people have participated. Each corporation has to be generate its own revenue now. Keeping shops closed for a long time was difficult for us also as we were not able to generate a single penny. Vendors need to pay rent and deposit a certain amount of money as per the tender notification. Rents and deposits vary according to the size of the shops."

Housing census to kick off tomorrow

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AS part of National Census - 2027, house-listing and housing census will start in the limits of Bengaluru East, North and South city corporations from April 1, 2026, according to corporations' commissioners DS Ramesh, Pommala Sunil Kumar and KN Ramesh.

As per the directions of the state government, preparatory activities for the first phase of the national census -- house-listing and housing census -- have been expedited. People should provide accurate information regarding their houses and families, a press release issued here stated.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs has planned to conduct Census - 2027 in two phases. In the first phase, citizens are provided an opportunity for self-enumeration of houses and housing details for 15 days from April 1, 2026, through https://se.census.gov.in," the release stated.

Any member of the household can complete the self-enumeration process within 20 minutes. A self-enumeration ID will be generated and shared via mobile/email. In the second

phase of Census - 2027, from April 16 to May 15, 2026, enumerators will visit households to collect and verify house-listing and housing census data. During this field visit, the citizens should share their self-enumeration IDs with the enumerators for verification and final submission of data.

Data collected as part of Census-2027 will serve as a crucial foundation for future urban planning, infrastructure development and welfare programmes. Therefore, it is essential for the people to provide accurate information through the self-enumeration process, the release said.

All information provided by the citizens will be secured and they may submit all details without any concern, the release added.

RAIN FURY

The heavy rainfall on Sunday evening uprooted a tree which fell on a car in VV Puram. Civic workers cleared all the fallen trees and branches on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Janaagraha: Health, edu, social sectors in corpn budgets underfunded

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

JANAAGRAHA, an NGO, has pointed out that the budgets presented by five city corporations have stressed more on infrastructure while ignoring the city's healthcare, education and welfare measures for the city population.

"The total outlay stands at Rs 20,217 crore, with a strong tilt towards infrastructure spending (60%), while health, education, and other social sectors remain underfunded. The analysis also highlights sharp fiscal disparities across corporations, with some relying heavily on state grants due to weaker local revenue generation," the release stated.

The NGO stressed that there is a significant shift towards more localised planning following the dissolution of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) paving way to five new city corporations namely Bengaluru North City Corporation, Bengaluru East City Corporation, Bengaluru West City Corporation, Bengaluru South and Central City Corporations, the maiden budget by each civic body raise important questions around democratic accountability, as it has been prepared without elected council especially with municipal elections coming up.

"Public works dominate spending across all corporations: Between 50% and 69% of total expenditure is allocated to public works, making it the single largest spending category. Solid waste management is a consistent priority, as around 10-12% of expenditure is allocated across all corporations, making it one of the few uniformly prioritised service delivery functions. Spending on public health (2-3%), education (1%), and urban forestry (0-1%) remains minimal across all corporations, indicating that budgets are heavily skewed toward physical infrastructure," the release added.

As per the release, the Programme Expenses (consolidated Health, Education, and Welfare) are estimated at Rs 321 crore.

Janaagraha has also pointed out that there are early signs of progress on transparency and citizen engagement, including public dashboards and digital grievance systems. The East City Corporation (BECC) is introducing a "BECC Public Dashboard" which will provide citizens with ward and department-level details regarding project progress and expenditures. Similarly, the West Corporation emphasises community participation as a core principle. The commitment to publicly disclose its existing 1,946 municipal assets with plans to GIS tag is a step in the right direction to empower citizens with information.

The North City Corporation (BNCC) is moving away from slow, file-based processes. Additionally, the corporation shows increased adoption of digital management e-governance, facilitating automatic receipts and payments through e-Khata software, and additional steps planned towards digitisation of E-DRC/E-TDR enabling the public to participate in an online marketplace to acquire development rights. The Central and North Corporations operate 24/7 control rooms to register public complaints and forward them to relevant officers for rapid action.

"With municipal elections expected in the coming months, any incoming elected council will have the authority to revisit and potentially override these financial priorities. Beyond numbers, these budgets reflect early attempts to reshape the relationship between citizens and urban governance," the release stated.

SUMMER ON: KING OF FRUITS ARRIVES IN CITY MARKETS

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

WITH temperatures touching nearly 34 degrees Celsius in the city, a wide variety of mangoes -- raspuri, alphonso, badami, sindhura and banganapalli -- has already arrived in the market.

Sellers across KR Market, Russell Market, Jayamahal Road, Madiwala Market and other places said that all varieties will arrive in the first week of April 2026 and the sales will increase only by the end of April.

Mangoes from Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu on sale at streetside stalls on Jayamahal Road in Bengaluru | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Shivashankar, who has a mango stall near TV Tower on Jayamahal Road, said, "Currently, the sales are low and mangoes aren't sweet enough as the season has just begun. By April first week, more mangoes will arrive that are sweeter and people will start buying them."

He said prices will usually depend on the stock, supply and demand in the market. If the supply is good, the prices will be low, and if there is high demand during low supply, prices skyrocket. "Now, one kg of alphonso costs Rs 300, raspuri Rs 250, badami Rs 200, sindhura Rs 250 and banganpalli Rs 180-200," he said.

Shiva said markets across the city are yet to receive varieties like malgova, sakkare gutti, neelam, mallika and totapuri. Bengaluru receives mangoes from different parts of the state and other states including Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

Idrees Chaudhry, fruit merchant and president of the Russell Market Fruit Merchants Association, said, "At the Russell Market, we mostly receive stocks of mango varieties including sindhura, alphonso and banganapalli. Customers have already started buying these varieties. Soon, we will see the rush and customers will start buying entire boxes instead of small quantities."

Presidency University hosts 'Eunoia' fest

Presidency University School of Commerce (PSOC) conducted its commerce and management fest -- Eunoia 2026 -- that saw the participation of 300 students from 17 premier institutions. The fest featured seven categories designed to test the mettle of future business leaders. Highlights included 'The Verdict Room', where students engaged in high-octane debates, and 'Code Red – Best Manager', which pushed participants to their strategic limits. Other events like the marketing-centric 'Brand Verse' and the personality-driven 'Hellfire Walk' showcased the creative versatility and confidence of the competing cohorts. At the grand finale, students vied for a share of the Rs 1.5 lakh prize pool with Kristu Jayanti University emerging as overall champions. The event was held under the guidance of Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Vidya Shankar Shetty and executed by the core team of Associate Dean Dr. Padmavathi and Dr Saba Inamdaar and Dr Poornima Kartikeyan (HOD, School of Commerce). ENS

Netizens welcome floating of tender for biz corridor, say it's a milestone for city

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BBC Chairman LK Atheeq said they have reached an important milestone by calling for tenders for the ring road from BIEC Madavara (near Nelamangala) to the Airport/Ballari Road. Netizens welcomed the tenders and termed it a milestone. Former Infosys chief financial officer Mohandas Pai congratulated Deputy Chief Minister and Bengaluru Development Minister D K Shivakumar. "Congrats to Minister DK Shivakumar for almost single-handedly pushing through the PRR. Big big relief for Bengaluru," he posted on X. He also thanked Atheeq for his leadership.

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

31st March : Pink Moon Prep Tomorrow is an astrological and cultural convergence of the full moon in Libra, April Fool's Day and Passover. To make the most of the auspicious lunar omen, consider preparing for a personal nod to the Pink Moon, named for the flame-bright phlox that spreads across springtime hillsides. Here are tips to prepare for that magic moment when wild wonder will wander in.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will be charged with good fortune when it involves a vow made to yourself. If you could only keep one rule, what would it be? The focus on a single sacred promise to yourself will fill you with a holy purpose.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will spark creativity when it involves making something by hand. Draw, write, cook, arrange flowers or improvise a strange masterpiece. The moon loves evidence of imagination, and inspiration tends to answer enthusiasm.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will broaden your intellectual horizons when it involves study. Read something unusual, ask an intriguing question, or explore an unfamiliar idea. The moon encourages wandering minds and rewards those who follow interesting thoughts.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will deepen peace when it involves water. A bath, a swim or a moment beside a lake or fountain will send your wishes flowing outward. The returning tide will carry calm and renewal.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will raise confidence and courage in you when it involves declaring a daring intention. Speak your ambition aloud, even if only the moon hears it. Bold words launched skyward tend to return with opportunity attached.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will stimulate health when it involves movement. Dancing, stretching, walking -- it will send your hopes for vitality to the lunar swell, and what comes back is spring embodied, aliveness honored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will awaken romance when it involves beauty. Tending to aesthetics -- whether in nature or domesticity, dress, decor or just shifts of lighting -- will have you admiring the world with deliberate appreciation. When beauty is honored, affection blooms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will heighten intuition when it involves listening. Step away from the chatter, ask a sincere question, and wait for the subtle reply. Lunar attention rewards patience, and the answer arrives ringing with clarity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will expand possibility when it involves imagination. Picture the life you'd love to experience and describe it in vivid detail. Lunar energy amplifies vision and nudges reality closer to the dream.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will attract prosperity when it involves generosity. A thoughtful gift, a shared meal or an offering given freely sends a message to the night sky. What returns is abundance multiplied and goodwill circulating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will strengthen friendships when it involves laughter. Tell stories, share ridiculous memories, and toast the absurdity of being alive together. Joy travels easily under lunar light, and the bonds you celebrate now grow even stronger.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
Your personal Pink Moon ritual will sharpen insight when it involves writing. Put your wandering thoughts on paper and let the sentences reveal what you already know. Lunar reflection rewards honesty, and clarity soon appears in the margins.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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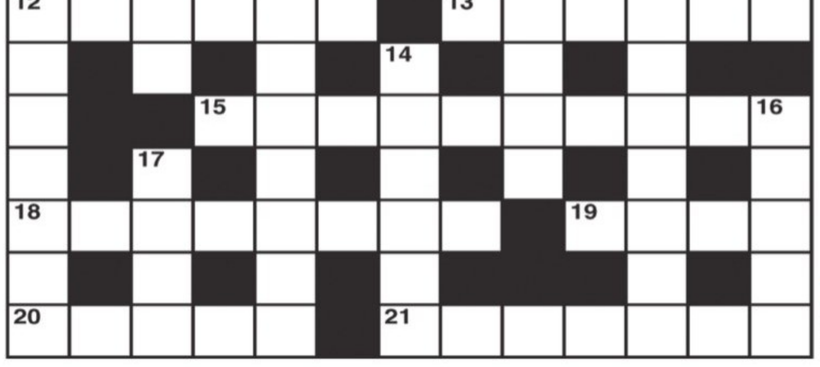
TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Holder of the colours (7)
4 It's put on a horse that's a sure thing (5)
7 It's kept in cellars (4)
8 Returns from work? (8)
10 So I'd tip her for a top post in journalism (10)
12 Pensive - about wanting a family? (6)
13 Means business (6)
15 Put on the rack and extracted information? (4,3,3)
18 Sort of contest that goes on in the ring (4-4)
19 A direction to lower a boat (4)
20 Open award (5)
21 Bore fruit but abandoned (7)

DOWN
1 Beat with a stick (5)
2 Crush pill in pool to make confection (8)
3 Please pass another way (6)
4 Gin cocktail a constituent of happy party (10)
5 They have good reason to renounce the world (4)
6 His conservative report of events (7)
9 Spanner used by motorists (4,6)
11 Compelled to use violence in the end (8)
12 Favourable publicity for high-rise construction (5-2)
14 Score is two love (6)
16 Dragged to the altar? (5)
17 It turns on an opponent (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Quarterdeck, 9 Hold out, 10 Owlet, 11 Watt, 12 Parsifal, 14 Fisher, 16 Degree, 18 Academic, 19 Acme, 22 Drive, 23 Asphalt, 24 Past masters.
Down: 2 Unlit, 3 Room, 4 Extras, 5 Doorstep, 6 Call for, 7 Show of hands, 8 At all events, 13 Reverent, 15 Stamina, 17 Cicada, 20 Chair, 21 Spot.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Take your weeds and get out of my territory.
My grass is superior. Maybe the grass would be greener for you on the other side of the neighborhood.
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THE BATTLE FOR BUSINESS BETWEEN THE SOD SELLERS WAS A ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: ○○○○ ○○○○

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOVE RISKY GOALIE CLOSET
Answer: When taking photos of the brie, cheddar, etc., the photographer jokingly said — SAY CHEESE

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The department of food, civil supplies and consumer affairs on Monday ruled out shortage of auto LPG in the state and said there would be uninterrupted supply across all sectors. It said the state government is closely monitoring the supply system, with special focus on fuel availability for autorickshaws

RISKY RIDES

Two killed in separate accidents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TWO persons have died in two separate accidents in the city since Sunday night.

A 32-year-old bike rider died after hitting a concrete mixing machine that was fixed to a goods vehicle on the Byatarayanapura flyover at around 6 am on Monday. The victim, Anil Gowda, 24, hailed from Rajagatta in Doddaballapura and was working as a writer in RMC Yard. Gowda was going on his way to work from his home. He reportedly lost control of the bike and rammed into the mixer that was going in front. Gowda succumbed while being shifted to the hospital. The Hebbal traffic police have registered a case.

Under the Jnanabarathi traffic police station limits, a 45-year-old autorickshaw driver died after his auto toppled when he applied sudden brakes while trying to avoid hitting a bike rider. The victim, Rajesh, was a resident of Chikkabasthi.

At 8 pm on Sunday, Rajesh and his friend Devaraju were riding in the auto. While nearing Doddabasti on Vishweshwaraiah Layout 100 Ft Road, a bike rider suddenly came in front of the auto. Rajesh, while trying to avoid hitting the two-wheeler, applied the brakes suddenly, and in the impact, the auto toppled. Rajesh, who sustained severe head injuries, was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed at 10 pm.

Evasion of notice, probe grounds for arrest: HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE Karnataka High Court has said that an accused can be arrested if he evades the notice issued to him under Section 35(3) of BNSS and does not cooperate with the officers investigating his crime.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed this order on March 25, rejecting a petition filed by Yugadev R from Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu, questioning the arrest order issued on January 19 by the additional chief judicial magistrate in a crime registered under Section 66C of the IT Act and Section 318(4) of BNS with Adugodi police in the city. Citing a verdict of the apex court, the high court said that Section 35(3) does not empower the police to communicate an electronic copy or by WhatsApp the notice or copy of FIR. It has to be mandatorily given in person. The police searched the petitioner for 40 days to hand over the notice. This non-cooperative behaviour of the accused was enough for the police to take him into custody. Three persons, including Anki Bhauwala from Wilson Garden in the city, registered a complaint against the petitioner and his wife.

The petitioner and his wife introduced themselves as yoga teachers and started running a company, Jai Bhairavi Devi Financial Solutions, and received investments through a website. The complainants are said to have invested Rs 39.20 lakh. The complaint was registered in December 2025 for criminal breach of trust, misappropriation and causing wrongful loss.

The police wanted to serve the notice under Section 35(3) and began looking for the petitioner, who dodged them for more than 40 days. They found him in Cuddalore and served the notice. As he refused to cooperate, he was taken into custody on January 17. An arrest intimation was issued to his relatives and he was produced before the local magistrate. The advocate for the accused challenged his arrest, contending that it was illegal. Later, he was produced before the jurisdictional magistrate court in the city, which passed the arrest order.

Challenging this order, the petitioner's counsel submitted that the police have failed to digitally or physically serve the notice under Section 35(3) to his client. This violated the guidelines issued by the apex court.

Refuting it, additional state public prosecutor BN Jagadeesha contended that the police tried to serve the notice several times and made efforts to contact him for more than 40 days. Finally, the police found him in Cuddalore, where he refused to accept the notice. Therefore, he was arrested, Jagadeesha said, furnishing call records and geolocation of the petitioner.

MONSOON PREP

Ahead of the monsoon, desilting work on in full swing at the dried up Hebbal Lake on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CRIME PATROL

Top GST officer caught red-handed for graft

The senior commercial tax officer was caught red-handed by the Lokayukta police while accepting a bribe of Rs 6 lakh from a businessman to adjudicate an inspection report on evasion of Rs 60 lakh tax, in Bengaluru on Monday. According to an official statement, Bharath Kumar Hegde (48), who serves as Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Tax in Hubballi, had allegedly demanded Rs 10 lakh from B'luru-based Vishwajit Nayak, but finally settled for Rs 6 lakh. Nayak then lodged a complaint with the Lokayukta police who laid a trap and caught the officer. **ENS**

5 women blackmail bizman, extort ₹25L

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A 52-year-old man was extorted of Rs 25 lakh by a gang of five women. The victim, N Suresh (name changed) a resident of Agrahara Badavane in Ramanagara town, filed a complaint against them on Saturday. Suresh, who is the owner of a theatre in Ramanagara, lives alone after his wife left him around seven years ago. He has neither parents nor children.

One of the accused women allegedly approached him, expressing her desire to marry him. She then introduced the other women to the victim. All the women allegedly started blackmailing him and forced him to give them money. However, the exact reasons for the blackmail is being ascertained.

In his complaint, Suresh said that around six to seven months ago, one of the accused residing near Kothipura in Ramanagara visited his theatre on the pretext of watching a movie. She introduced herself and said she wanted to marry him, surprising Suresh who said he was not interested. After this, she visited him with two other women from Kothipura. Subsequently, all the women, on one pretext or another, threatened him and extorted money and gold ornaments from him.

Initially, thee accused are alleged to have extorted small amounts, and later demanded large sums. Whenever he refused to pay, they threatened to file false cases of gang rape and POCSO against him and send him to jail. The women also took 500 grams of gold ornaments from him. The repeatedly blackmailed him, forcing him to purchase online groceries and daily essentials by sending requests through WhatsApp from different mobile numbers. The complainant, who has a kidney ailment, was admitted as an inpatient for 15 days at a hospital in Bengaluru.

A case of extortion (BNS 308) along with other sections of BNS was registered by the Ijoor police against the five women. "The case is under investigation and notices have been served to the accused," said an officer.

Traffic cops switch off body cams, collect bribe

Three traffic policemen attached to the High Grounds traffic police station have been suspended for illegally stopping vehicles and collecting money after switching off their body cameras. West Division DCP (Traffic) Anoop A Shetty suspended Assistant Sub-Inspector Suresh, constables Prashant and Sadik on Monday. The department had conducted an internal investigation after receiving numerous complaints from the public that the trio would stop vehicles around Chalukya Circle even though there were no visible violations and illegally collect bribes. There are strict orders for traffic policemen not to stop vehicles only to check documents. Sadik was earlier suspended for dereliction of duty while serving in Vijayanagar traffic police station. **ENS**

FREE AUTISM CONSULTATION ON APRIL 2

Bengaluru: To mark World Autism Awareness Day, Samvaad Institute of Speech and Hearing will offer free consultation at its premises at Anandgiri Extension in Hebbal on Thursday (April 2). A senior speech-language pathologist will offer screening, early guidance and expert consultation for children with communication and developmental concerns, according to a press release Samvaad Therapy Centre founder Radhika Poovayya emphasised the need to integrate applied behaviour analysis with speech therapy to improve outcomes for children with autism. Those interested in getting the free consultation can contact -- 96633 88623 or 94802 95004. **ENS**

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**The Issue shall remain open for subscription on Working Days from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Indian Standard Time), during the period indicated above, except that the Issue may close on such earlier date or extended date as may be decided by the Board of Directors of our Company or the Debenture Issue Committee, subject to relevant approvals (subject to a minimum period of two working days and a maximum period of ten working days from the date of opening of this Issue).*

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In accordance with the provision of and requirement under Section 30 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Regulation 30(1) of the SEBI NCS Regulations, the Company has published statutory advertisement dated March 30, 2026 on their website at www.iclfincorp.com on which contains the disclosures as per Schedule V of the SEBI NCS Regulations ("Statutory Advertisement"). The Statutory Advertisement can be viewed through the QR code and web link given below:

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For ICL Fincorp Limited
SD/-
K.G. Anilkumar
(Chairman & Managing Director) DIN: 00766739

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Branch : Hosur Branch. Name of the Loan Account : Borrower : M/s. Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd - Represented by its Directors (1) Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan, W/o.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, (2) Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, S/o.Chinnagounder Palanivel, No.23, Opp.N.M.D.C. Government Office, Kanakapura Main Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560004. **Director and Guarantors: (1) Mrs.Manimozhi Ulaganathan, W/o.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, Director : Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd,** Door No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O), Rasipuram (TK), Namakkal District - 637401, Tamilnadu. Current Address : 359, 4th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (V), Bangalore - 560083. **(2) Mr.Mr.Parthiban Palanivel, S/o.Mr.Chinnagounder Palanivel, Director : Luxrus Ceramic Solutions Pvt Ltd,** Door No.5, Muthukallipatty (P.O), Rasipuram (TK), Namakkal District - 637401, Tamilnadu. Current Address : 359, 4th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere (V), Bangalore - 560083 **Amount Due : Rs.6,43,34,459.00 as on 26.03.2026** and interest plus other charges thereon. **Demand Notice Date : 07.07.2021. Physical Possession taken on : 21.09.2021. Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule A :** Within the limits of Bruhuth Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, Anjanapura Sub Division, Ward No.194, Layout known as South Avenue, Gottigere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Katha No.1579/4196/279, Old Nos.1579/276/279 + 1576/4197/280 + 1567/4198/281, Site Nos.279, 280 and 281. Extent : 3702 Sq.ft (975 + 1249 + 1478). Boundaries : East : Park, West : Site No.282, North : Road, South : Private Property. **Schedule B : (1)** Flat bearing Katha No.1579/4196/279/F-1, Constructed on First Floor of Schedule A Property having super Built-up area of 2600 sq.ft and Un-divided share of 1149 sq.ft in Schedule A Property, along with Car parking in the Stilt Floor, in the residential building by name "MADURA YUGO". **Reserve Price : Rs.1,17,00,000.00. EMD : Rs.11,70,000/-. Bid Increase Amount : Rs.1,00,000/-. Date of Auction : 16.04.2026. Time of Auction : 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM with auto extension of 10 minutes. Date of Inspection of the Property : On all working days between 06.04.2026 and 13.04.2026 between 10 AM and 4 PM with the prior appointment of branch manager. Last Date of Remitting EMD : 16.04.2026 upto 1.00 PM. Authorized Officer - Mobile No : 8489903009 / Chief Manager (RO) - Mobile No : 8489903057**

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Date : 26.03.2026
Place : Hosur

Authorised officer
Central Bank of India

DOCUMENT LOST

I, **Smt. K. Chandrakala** W/o L. Krishnamurthy, residing at Ward No. 09, Maruthi Extension, Araleri Road, Malur, hereby inform the public that the Original Sale Deed of Site No. 51, Survey No. 84, falling under Anekal Town Municipality jurisdiction, registered at Anekal Sub-Registrar Office on **09.05.1984**, has been lost.Document No. / Identification No: **214:84-85**The document was lost at Anekal Bus Stand on **05.03.2026** around **4:00 PM.** A complaint has been lodged at the Police Station. If anyone finds it, please return it to the nearest Police Station or to the address mentioned above

Kerala Maritime Board
(A statutory Board of Govt. of Kerala)
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DATE EXTENSION CORRIGENDUM

Following amendments have been made to the RFP for the Development of Riverside Recreation, and Entertainment Zone, Thalangara, Kasaragod, Kerala with the Tender ID: 2025_KMB_796256_3 and the RFP for Integrated Development of Coastal Assets at Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala on PPP mode with the Tender ID: 2026_KMB_828713_2.

The dates have been extended as follows:

Project Name	Event Description	Existing Date	Updated Date
Development of Riverside Recreation, and Entertainment Zone, Thalangara, Kasaragod, Kerala	Date and Time for online submission of Bids **(Bid Due Date)**	24-03-2026, 06.55 PM	**16-04-2026, 06.55 PM**
	Opening of Technical Bids	26-03-2026, 11.00 AM	**18-04-2026, 11.00 AM**
	Physical Submission of Technical Bid	On or before 27-03-2026,10.00 AM	On or before 20-04-2026, 10.00 AM
Integrated Development of Coastal Assets at Thalassery, Kannur, Kerala	Date and Time for online submission of Bids **(Bid Due Date)**	26-03-2026, 06.55 PM	**18-04-2026, 06.55 PM**
	Opening of Technical Bids	28-03-2026, 11.00 AM	**20-04-2026, 11.00 AM**
	Physical Submission of Technical Bid	On or before 30-03-2026,10.00 AM	On or before 21-04-2026, 10.00 AM

Sd/-, Chief Executive Officer, Kerala Maritime Board

Congress MLA Vinay Kulkarni on Monday expressed his aspiration to become a minister, saying he too could become a minister if he receives the blessings of the party high command. Speaking to reporters at Kittur, where he addressed the media due to restrictions on his entry into Dharwad district, Kulkarni said the decision on cabinet expansion and ministerial berths rests entirely with the Congress leadership

Centre yet to issue gazette notification, says Siddu; BJP should set its house in order, quips Satish; CM's intensified campaigning reflects fear of defeat: Vijayendra

CM: WE DID IT, BUT BJP AT CENTRE DELAYING UKP-III

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HOLDING the previous BJP government in Karnataka and the present NDA government at the Centre responsible for delaying land acquisition and issuance of gazette notification for the completion of the Upper Krishna Project-III, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said it is his government that has taken significant decisions in land acquisition.

Addressing a public rally in Nayanegila village of Bagalkot constituency ahead of the April 9 bypolls, he said that it has been 13 years since the Krishna Water Tribunal order was delivered. "Yet, the Centre has not issued a gazette notification. The notification will help increase the height of Almatti dam and use the water allocated to Karnataka for irrigation. But the Centre, despite having no hurdles, is not issuing the notification," he added.

"It was the Congress government led by me as CM that took a historic decision of consent award where Rs 40 lakh per acre for irrigated and Rs 30 lakh for dry land was announced. The decision was taken after holding two rounds of meetings with the leaders of the farmers' union and present and former MLAs of the region. It is the action taken by the Congress while the BJP kept the matter pending," the CM added.

Earlier campaigning for Umesh Meti, the Congress candidate and son of deceased MLA HY Meti, Siddaramaiah exuded confidence that the former will also win the election like his father. "The State Government still has two years of tenure. People of Bagalkot should send Umesh to the Assembly to raise their voice and take up development works like his father," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah campaigns for Congress candidate Umesh Meti in Bagalkot on Monday | EXPRESS

The State Government still has two years of tenure. People of Bagalkot should send Umesh to the Assembly to raise their voice and take up development works like his father — Siddaramaiah, CM

Bagalkot still a Cong bastion, says Satish Jarkiholi

Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi asserted that Bagalkot remains a Congress stronghold and dismissed allegations of internal collusion with the BJP, saying the party is confident of winning the bypoll with a comfortable margin.

"Bagalkot has been a Congress bastion, and our candidate has won here four times. Campaigning by Basanagouda Patil Yatnal or any other BJP leader has nothing to do with us," Satish said in Belagavi, adding that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will campaign for four days to ensure victory for the Congress nominee Umesh Meti.

Responding to remarks by state BJP president BY Vijayendra, the minister said no Congress leader is supporting BJP candidates. He termed Vijayendra's allegation of a secret understanding between Congress leaders and BJP as politically motivated and laughable.

Satish hit back at the BJP, saying the party should first set its own house in order.

He also rejected Vijayendra's claim that the Congress fears defeat and that the Chief Minister's campaign reflects nervousness.

On whether the campaign in Bagalkot between him and BJP leader B Sriramulu was shaping up as a 'Valmiki versus Valmiki' contest, Satish clarified that the election was not between individuals or communities but between two political parties with differing ideologies.

POLL WALL

SC-LEFT YOUTH TO CAMPAIGN AGAINST CONGRESS

The Congress government in Karnataka on Monday deferred the March 27 special cabinet meeting to decide on SC internal reservation, apparently fearing a backlash in the assembly bypolls to Davanagere South and Bagalkot constituencies. Condemning the government's delay in taking a decision, the Karnataka State Madiga Youth Group has decided to launch a struggle. Over 150 youths held a meeting at Lidkar Bhavan in Bengaluru recently. They are determined to teach the Congress a lesson, sources said. Besides, the BJP and RSS think-tank have chalked out a plan to make it an issue in the bypolls and also in the 2028 Assembly polls. Chitradurga MP of BJP Govind Karjol, who was campaigning in Bagalkot for BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath, had said the issue will affect the Congress as it had betrayed the SC communities, especially SC-Left Madiga community. Because of the previous BJP government's decision to hike quota from 15% to 17%, the SC-Left benefited in education as community students got more medical and engineering seats, he said. The Congress has reduced quota from 17% to 15% in recruitment of 56,432 vacancies in different departments, meting out injustice to the community, he added.

Charantimath wants Yatnal to canvass; will it upset BJP?

FIROZ ROZINDAR @ Bagalkot

THE reported interest of BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath in inviting expelled BJP MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal to campaign in the Bagalkot Assembly bypoll has reportedly triggered unease within the party, particularly drawing concern from state BJP president BY Vijayendra.

Informed sources indicate that Vijayendra's dissatisfaction stems from Yatnal's repeated and public criticism of both him and his father— veteran BJP leader and former CM BS Yediyurappa.

Despite multiple warnings from the BJP leadership in the past, Yatnal did no not mend his ways, following which he was expelled from the party on March 26, 2025, for six years on charges of anti-party activities. Yatnal, however, continued his tirade against the leadership even after his expulsion.

Amid this backdrop, Charantimath, while speaking to the media, stated that he would welcome Yatnal if he chose to campaign for him in Bagalkot. Though there is no official confirmation on whether Yatnal will campaign, his possible presence is believed to be a matter of concern for several party loyalists and the state leadership.

(Left)|Veeranna Charantimath; Basanagouda Patil Yatnal

BJP insiders suggest that Charantimath's inclination towards Yatnal is driven by electoral considerations.

Yatnal, known for his strong pro-Hindutva stance, is seen by some supporters as a figure who could help consolidate Hindu votes, particularly in urban pockets like Bagalkot city where the BJP traditionally enjoys stronger backing compared to rural areas. In contrast, the rural segments of the constituency have largely remained supportive of the Congress, especially under the influence of the late MLA HY Meti. The Congress has now fielded his son— Umesh Meti— as its candidate, aiming to retain its hold over the rural electorate.

Adding another dimension to the developments, Yatnal has himself announced that he would campaign for Charantimath in his personal capacity, citing respect for the BJP candidate. He has also claimed credit for securing the party ticket for Charantimath in the previous Assembly elections.

With these developments, Charantimath appears to be walking a tightrope, balancing between leveraging Yatnal's influence for electoral gains and avoiding friction with the party's state leadership, particularly Vijayendra.

Voters disillusioned with Cong rule: Vijayendra

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@ Bagalkot

EXPRESSING confidence in the victory of BJP candidates, Karnataka BJP president **BY Vijayendra** has said that no matter Chief Minister Siddaramaiah or any Congress leader campaigns for their candidates in Bagalkot and Davanagere South bypoll, their defeat is certain. Campaigning for Bagalkot BJP candidate Veeranna Charantimath, Vijayendra alleged that voters are disillusioned with the Congress government's administration and claimed that the CM's intensified campaigning reflects fear of defeat. Vijayendra accused Congress of indulging in vote-bank politics and minority appeasement, asserting that such strategies would not impact the BJP's prospects. He also alleged an increase in cases against Hindu activists, incidents of stone-pelting on religious processions, and inaction in cases involving attacks on Dalits during the Congress regime. He said public anger over these issues, along with unfulfilled job promises and alleged police action against protesters, would work in BJP's favour.

Chitradurga MP Govind Karjol said the Congress is already facing defeat and claimed that its campaign efforts would not match the development work promoted by Charantimath in Bagalkot.

MLC PH Pujar stated that comprehensive development of Bagalkot is possible under Charantimath's leadership and urged voters to extend their support to the BJP in the bypoll.

No norms in place for new rural job law, says Priyank

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KARNATAKA RDPR and IT/BT Minister Priyank Kharge on Monday raised serious concerns over the new VB-GRAM G scheme, citing lack of clarity and preparedness by the Union government.With VB-G RAM G coming into effect from April 1, a two-decade-old lifeline for rural employment—MGNREGA— will end. "But there are no clear rules yet, no clarity on fund allocation, and no final parameters for classifying gram panchayats. Even core processes like social audits remain uncertain," he posted on X.

"This vacuum will hit at the worst possible time. These are peak demand months for rural work. Reports from the ground point to stalled works, delayed approvals and households not receiving employment despite demand. The shift from a legal guarantee to a norm-based allocation has already begun to show its impact" he said.

POWER PLAY

Deputy CM deal with KSCA: 3 passes for IPL, 2 for international matches

KSCA president Venkatesh Prasad, Chief Communications Officer Vinay Mruthyunjay, DNA MD Venkat, and RCB CEO Rajesh Menon greet DCM DK Shivakumar on Monday

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@ Bengaluru:

KARNATAKA MLAs, MLCs and MPs who were assured two VIP passes each, will now get three passes to watch IPL-2026 matches in M Chinnaswamy Stadium. They will get two passes each for international matches. Deputy CM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar had earlier defended free VIP passes for MLAs after party MLA Vijayanand Kashappanavar raised the issue in the Assembly, following which the government decided on two passes each.

Shivakumar held talks with Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) representatives, including president Venkatesh Prasad, DNA Entertainment Networks MD Venkat, Chief Communications Officer Vinay Mruthyunjay and RCB CEO Rajesh Menon on Monday. "We reached a consensus, they have agreed on three tickets for IPL matches," he told reporters.

Shivakumar said they had discussed increasing the seating capacity of Chinnaswamy Stadium. "We discussed how to increase the number of seats in the stadium. If seats are increased by 20,000, it will also benefit the people," he said.

"Discussions were held with the GBA Commissioner to identify a place to construct a stadium as we have been instructed to submit a proposal to the government. After this, necessary permission will be given," he said. The government has already given land to KSCA to build international cricket stadiums at Tumakuru and Mysuru, he said.

On BJP MLA S Suresh Kumar objecting to VIP culture and rejecting the IPL ticket offer, Shivakumar said the choice is left to legislators. He claimed that in Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Delhi, Kolkata and Gujarat, 50-60 per cent of tickets go to government quota.

Surprisingly, the DCM's brother, former MP DK Suresh, suggested that legislators could buy tickets. Shortly before Shivakumar announced three free passes for legislators and MPs, Suresh said, "It is wrong to ask for free passes. Those who want to watch the match should pay for tickets as IPL is a commercial venture." He took BJP legislators to task for making an issue of free tickets. "Tickets have always been given, BJP MLAs have also got IPL tickets," he said.

He suggested that more stadiums be built in Bengaluru, which has only Kanteerava Stadium, KSCA and Football Stadium. He claimed that as Bengaluru Rural MP, he had suggested that 100 acres be set aside at Surya City.

Karnataka Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan campaigns for UDF candidate PV Anwar in Beypore Assembly constituency in Kozhikode district of Kerala

Zameer power not in play in K'taka bypolls

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Housing Minister BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan is unlikely to be the X factor garnering Muslim votes for Congress in the Davanagere South and Bagalkot Assembly bypolls as he is busy campaigning in the Kerala Assembly elections.

He has been assigned 33 constituencies where the Muslim population is high. He is addressing public meetings and interacting with clerics to influence community voters.

It is said that Horticulture Minister SS Mallikarjun, whose son Samarth Shamanur is in the fray from Davanagere South, reportedly did not want Zameer to visit the constituency. This is because Zameer had allegedly provoked Muslim youth to demand Congress tickets to community members from both constituencies. In fact, Congress leader Sadiq Pailwan had filed his nomination as an independent, but Shivajinagar MLA Rizwan Arshad and MLC Salim Ahmed, chief whip in the Council, managed to convince him to pull out.

Zameer had told Chief Minister Siddaramaiah that he will not go to Davanagere South if Mallikarjun did not want him. But it was because Zameer feared the ire of Muslim religious leaders, who urged community members to defeat the Congress candidate as the ticket was denied to their community member, sources said.

LPG CRISIS

Bamul chief hints at hiking milk prices

ENS @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU Milk Union Limited (Bamul) chief and former Bengaluru rural MP DK Suresh here on Monday hinted at hiking price of milk and its by-products owing to the LPG crisis which resulted in the milk union shouldering more burden. "There is no problem at the moment. What do you define as increase in our expenses? Who should we put the burden of this on? If I say this, you will announce that DK Suresh has predicted a price increase," he told reporters.

But he said that all milk unions, including Bamul, were instructed to reduce gas consumption up to 55%. "If we use 100%, we will have to spend 30% more against the procurement of LPG. If we do this, the price will have to increase. We also come under the scope of essential commodities and such problems will arise. Therefore, it is better for people to wake up now," he explained.

On the use of wood stoves or solar instead of gas in the milk union dairy, he clarified that the solar cannot be used as steam will have to be generated through boilers. "None of us, milk union dairies, are using electric boilers. Furnace oil, wood stoves or gas are used. After I came to power, there was an opportunity to use wood stoves in a part of the dairy, and boilers should be converted to it. This is not a process that can be done in a couple of days. This should be done by calling tenders," he said.

"Earlier, the price of furnace oil and gas was low, but now the price has increased, so we have installed wood stoves locally in one plant. We have to do it in the remaining two or three plants. Wood stoves cannot be used in Bengaluru as there will be a pollution issue," he said.

On delay in election for KMF chief post for which he is a strong contender he said he doesn't have information about this.

ENERGY BOOST

With 3.63GW, Karnataka leads in hydro power generation

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AS Karnataka's economy grows by leaps and bounds, recent data from the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation shows the state also leads in hydroelectric power generation, with 3.63 gigawatt of power. It also tops in small hydro power project generation with 3,726MW in 2024-25.

The ministry's National Statistics Office (NSO) on March 30 released the annual Energy Statistics India 2026 report, which noted that India has a huge potential for generation of renewable energy, which stands at 47,04,043MW as on March 31, 2025. Solar energy has seen staggering growth, from 7,48,990MW during financial year 2023-24 to 33,43,378MW in FY 2024-25. It also has the highest share (around 71 per cent) followed by 11,63,856MW of wind energy and 1,33,410MW from large hydro projects.

"More than 70 per cent of the total potential for renewable energy generation is concentrated in six states— Rajasthan (23.70%), Maharashtra (14.26%), Gujarat (9.10%), Andhra Pradesh (9.1%), Karnataka (8.59%) and Madhya Pradesh (8.09%)," the report noted.

The ministry noted that in bagasse power cogeneration, Karnataka ranked third after Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, with 1,762MW during the same period. In biomass power generation, Karnataka ranked seventh in the all-India category, with generation of 1,794MW. In the solar power generation sector, the state ranked ninth with 24,700MW.

In case of large hydro projects, Karnataka stood sixth with 4,414 MW. Arunachal Pradesh took the lead with 50,394 MW, followed by Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir and Sikkim. Karnataka ranked fourth in wind power generation with 1,69,251 MW, behind Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Officials in the energy department said they were yet to look into the data. They said the state is leading in solar power generation in 2026 with 9,900MW, and all efforts were being made to increase it by promoting PM Surya Ghar and Kusum-B and C schemes. Karnataka is also leading in the electric vehicle ecosystem.

Neeladhara Bangera (68) from Uliyaragoli in Kaup taluk, Udupi, died after consuming poison. His wife Ravikala (58) said he was undergoing treatment for severe mental distress after their son died. On March 28, Bangera informed his wife that he will die and showed her the tubes of rat poison that he had already consumed. He succumbed at the hospital on Sunday

West Asia conflict hits interior decor sector

A few suppliers have added temporary surcharges to prices for up to 60 days

RASHMI PATIL @ Bengaluru

THE ongoing conflict in West Asia has not only hit the LPG supply but also the interior home decor industry. Various private companies involved in the trade have been significantly affected by short supply of materials, thus increasing the input cost.

Tanuj Choudhary, co-founder and chief operating officer of HomeLane, said, "The ongoing conflict in West Asia is impacting global supply chains, particularly oil and gas-linked derivatives relevant to the home interiors sector. Categories such as PVC, laminates and surface finishes are already seeing a cost increase of 10% to 20%, along with potential supply constraints driven by energy prices and logistics disruptions. Some suppliers have also introduced temporary surcharges for 30 to 60 days, with a wait-and-watch approach thereafter."

> **The Indian home interiors industry, is resilient and supported by localisation and flexible supply chains, a prolonged disruption could put this resilience to test**
>
> Tanuj Choudhary, Co-founder, HomeLane

Choudhary also emphasised that available data and forecasts have enabled better scenario planning and faster decisions. "The Indian home interiors industry is more resilient today, supported by increased localisation and more flexible supply chains. In the near term, this should help manage pressures without materially affecting design quality or delivery timelines. However, a prolonged disruption could put this resilience to test," he said.

Shezaan Bhojani, CEO and co-founder, DesignCafe, said, "We are facing supply-side pressures, with input costs rising across key materials such as plywood, adhesives, edge banding and hardware. In addition to price increases, there is also growing uncertainty around material availability in the coming weeks due to fluctuating stock levels across the supply chain. This is expected to have a notable impact on overall pricing, in the range of 10–15%. We anticipate a price revision starting 1st April."

When asked if such disruptions will impact jobs and salaries, he said, "We do not anticipate any impact on jobs or salaries at this stage. The market fundamentals remain strong, and we see the current situation as a short-term disruption."

Tourism in Hampi sees a steep decline

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @ Hampi/Hosapete

THE ripple effects of the ongoing tensions in West Asia are being felt far beyond the conflict zone, with the famed heritage destination of Hampi witnessing a sharp decline in tourist activity over the past fortnight.

Known for attracting a steady stream of international visitors, particularly from Israel, the UNESCO World Heritage Site has seen a noticeable drop in footfall as travel plans of many foreign tourists have been disrupted due to the prevailing geopolitical situation. Local tourism stakeholders say Israeli travellers, who form a sizable segment of Hampi's international clientele, have been unable to visit, leading to widespread cancellations. Hotel owners, homestay operators, and tourist guides across the region are grappling with the sudden downturn. Compounding the crisis is an acute shortage of cooking gas, which has further disrupted the hospitality sector.

From small eateries to budget inns, and souvenir vendors, the slowdown has had a cascading effect on the local economy.

FESTIVE FAIR

On the last day of Ram Navami, vendors sell artificial flowers and garlands at Bapujinagar in Bengaluru on Sunday night. The road was closed for two days for the fair | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Milk society secy ends life over 'harassment'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chikkamagaluru

A 45-year-old woman secretary of a milk producers' society died by suicide on Sunday after recording a video, alleging torture over allegations of financial irregularities.

The deceased, Usha, was serving as the secretary of the Milk Producers Women's Co-operative Society since its inception in 2010 at H Mallenahali village in Tarikere taluk. Police said Usha had recorded a video before hanging herself, in which she admitted that the missing accounts book was due to her negligence. She also stated that she could no longer tolerate the constant torture by members of the society. The incident follows a village panchayat meeting where Usha was accused of misappropriating funds over the last decade. She had reportedly admitted to the missing account books. Villagers said that new members, elected to the society in 2025, had been pressuring her to present the accounts. Usha's husband said the harassment continued even after she submitted the account details.

He also mentioned receiving threats to his family's life. The accused are- H N Jagadeesh, Dakshinamurthy, H M Yatheesha, Lavakumara, Kumara Swamy, Vinayakumar and Darshan Kumar.

EXPRESS READ

Coffee estate worker injured in elephant attack

CHIKKAMAGALURU: Guruvamma, a woman labourer was injured in an elephant attack at G-Hosali near in Mudigere taluk, Chikkamagaluru, on Monday morning. She was picking coffee beans at the Tata Coffee Estate when a lone elephant attacked her all of a sudden. The other labourers who were working nearby raised an alarm, made loud noise and drove the elephant away. Guruvamma sustained grievous injuries on her chest and waist. The injured woman was admitted at the Mudigere MGM Hospital. **ENS**

Scrapping Hindi will confuse students: Ashoka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Congress government has done a disservice to children by scrapping Hindi as the third language. This decision was not taken out of love for Kannada, it is purely politics, Opposition Leader R Ashoka told reporters here on Monday. He said the Education department suddenly removed Hindi as the third language, and the decision was taken when students are in the middle of writing their examinations. Lakhs of students have been preparing for the Hindi exam, and such a decision has created a big problem, he added.

In 1918, Mahatma Gandhi was president of the Hindi Prachar Samiti, and started this committee in South India as well. Congress leaders, who are unaware of this history, have suddenly scrapped Hindi. It is an insult to Gandhi. We must be sensitive when it comes to matters concerning children, students who were expecting to score high marks with Hindi are disappointed by the government's decision, Ashoka said.

When the Modi government removed Mahatma Gandhi's name from the MNREGA scheme, Congress leaders had created a huge uproar but now no one is speaking up. The country's first PM Jawaharlal Nehru had brought the three-language formula. Later, Indira Gandhi gave it even more importance. But the Congress says that whatever is done in Tamil Nadu, will be implement here, he said.

If Kannada children study IAS and IPS and go to Hindi-speaking states, what language will they speak there? This decision has been taken only out of anger against PM Narendra Modi. This is nothing but vote-bank politics. In the future, BJP will implement the National Education Policy, which includes options for languages, he said.

BJP will win the Davanagere and Bagalkot by-elections. In Davanagere, Muslims are against Congress. In Bagalkot also, people are against Congress. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is scared of losing his chair, and is personally going for campaigning. Minister Zameer is not campaigning. Even DK Shivakumar is living in fear, Ashoka said.

Late Congress leader Shamanur Shivashankarappa had said he would give the ticket to a Muslim, but now the ticket has been given to a family member. The government is taking loans every year but poor people are not getting any benefits, he added.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Salem Division

Office of the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer

Electric Loco Shed, Erode

E-Tender Notice No. SA_A_RS_ED_OT_25_26_25, Dated: 28.03.2026

Online tender is invited for the following work:

Tender No	SA_A_RS_ED_OT_25_26_25, Dated: 28.03.2026
Description of Work	**Works contract for General warehouse labour work at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.**

All details regarding the tender are available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / Rolling Stock / Erode

For and on behalf of the President of India

The Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation Limited

Door No.294/1D, 100 feet Road (Tadigadapa to Enikepadu Road), Kanuru, Vijayawada-521137, Andhra Pradesh, India. Tel: +91-866-2429999 Fax: +91-866-2429977, Email: contracts-ho@apmdc.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No: APMDC/HO/P&C/House Keeping/SCM/2026/, Date: 31.03.2026

APMDC invites E-tender from reputed Agencies for **"Selection of Agency for Providing Housekeeping Services for Weighbridge and Portable Cabins at APMDC Suliyari Coal Mine Area"**. For more information on the eligibility criteria, tender fees, timelines and other details, please visit e-procurement website of **GoAP (www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in)** or APMDC website **(www.apmdc.ap.gov.in)**. The Tender document is available for downloading from **31.03.2026** and the last date for bid submission is **20.04.2026** by 17:00 Hrs.

Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Managing Director,**
Date: 31.03.2026 **The A.P. Mineral Development Corporation Limited**
DIPR No.4944PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.30/03/2026

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank) | Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** has **taken over Possession** of the schedule property under the 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act, on **20-08-2024.**
The Authorized Officer of **M/s. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd.,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received.Hence, please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.
Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**

Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:

1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer / Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve price for private treaty
1	31699420000227	1) Mr. Mariyappan M, S/o. Maruthamuthu, 2) Mrs. Mariyammal M, W/o. Maruthamuthu	11-06-2024, Rs.8,93,500.50 (Eight Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Rupees and Fifty Paise Only) as of 09-06-2024	Rs.6,00,000/- (Six Lakh Rupees Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: Dindigul District, Palani Registration District, Kujiliamparai SRO Vedasandur Taluk at present Kujiliamparai Taluk, NagaiahKottai Village, Old Natham S.No.756/1 at present New Natham S.No.1295/6 measuring 0.01.34 Sq.meter. ie., 1442.38 Sq.ft., in that measuring 721.19 Sq.ft., ie., 67 Sq.meter leaving corner of East-North measuring 36.594 Sq.ft. and corner of West-South measuring 721.19 Sq.ft., is **abounded on: North by:** House, **South by:** Road, **East by:** House, **West by:** Vacant land. Within which the land measuring East-West on both sides 15 ft and South-North on West side 49 ft, East side 47.16 ft and measuring 721.19 sq.ft., ie., 67 Sq.meter land with constructed house and all its amenities. The above said property in that Vedasandur Panchayat union and NgaiahKottai Village limit. The above said property now Sub Division in S.No.1295/6B.		

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned herein above by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.
Correspondence Address: Manikandan B (Mob. No.8300661886), Email: manikandan.b@jana.bank.in & Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362951653), Email: ranjan.naik@janabank.com & Kaushik Bag (Mob. No.7019949040), Email: kaushik.bag01@jana.bank.in. Jana Small Finance Bank Ltd., No.10, Krishna Puram Colony Main Road, Mahatma Gandhi Nagar, Madurai-625014.

Date: 30.03.2026, Place: Madurai — Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

YES BANK LIMITED

Regd. Off: Off Western Express Highway, Santacruz East, Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400055
CIN: L65190MH2003PLC143249 Email: communications@yesbank.in, Website: www.yesbank.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Yes Bank Ltd. i.e. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **31-3-2026** for recovery of **Rs.2,132,450.95 /- (twenty-one lakh thirty-two thousand four hundred fifty Rupees and Ninety-Five paisa only) as on 29-4-2025** subject to further interest and charges at contracted rate, due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr. RAJU K M (Applicant) and Smt. Shashikala B H (Co-Applicant) in loan account No: AFH002200379045.**

The reserve price is Rs.36,95,000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs.3,69,500/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY / SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing vacant plot No.80 Katha No.793/80, PID No.152900402101220448, measuring East to West 18.28 meters and North to South 12.19 meters totally measuring 222.83 Sq. meters which is carved out of residentially converted land in Sy.no. 43/9 , of the layout approved by greater Bangalore Bidadi smart City planning Authority vide No. GBBSCPA/LAO/02/2015-16 dated: 15-12-2017 layout known as " Magnolia Temple Tree" situated at Mayaganahalli Village, KASABA Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Rmanagara District and **bounded on:** East by: Road, West by: Plot No.91, North by: Plot No.79, South by: Plot No.81

Date and time of e-auction : 29th April 2026; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.
Last date for submission of bid : : 28th April 2026 till 3 PM.
Date of inspection of property : 27th April 2026 ; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.yesbank.in.**

In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/ e-bidding catalogue or Inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for Queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of YES BANK LTD **Raghu Prasad : Email Id: kraghu.prasad@yesbank.in and Ph: 9923002312** and Sharath Kumar P on 919148937885 on sharathkumar.p@yesbank.in and Officials of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad, Contact Person - Ram Sharma, Bidder Support Numbers : 9978591888, 9265562821 -079 61200594/ 598/ 568/ 587/ 538. Email: support@auctiontiger.net, ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Website For SARFAESI - https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GAURANTORS

The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 15 days from the date of publication. The sale notice and detailed terms and conditions of the auction is published in **New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 31st March 2026** and also published in https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (online Auction website) for participating in online auction and please refer to the link **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** provided in website of YES Bank Ltd. i.e. www.yesbank.in. No further notice shall be henceforth given to you.

Date: 31-3-2026 **For YES Bank Ltd**
Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer**

YES BANK LIMITED

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The reserve price is Rs.1235000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs.123500/-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY / SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immoveable property pertains to BDA, Allur Village, Residential Apartment No.64 in 27 & 28 block constructed in Sy.No.113 with building property and measuring East to West 59.20 meter and North to South 17.50 meter, total measuring 1036 Sq. meter **bounded as follows:** East: Road; West: BDA property/Road; North: Passage; South: Road. **Item 2 (Description of the Apartment)**
All that piece and parcel of the residentail flat bearing number B26-307, 3rd Floor, Block 26,measuring to an extent of 460 Square Feet located at Alur Village Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru 562123.

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Date: 31-3-2026 **For YES Bank Ltd**
Place: Bangalore **Authorized Officer**

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank Limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Yees Vee Press Components (Borrower) Muthukrishnan Vijayapilai Kannikavathi Muhtukrishnan, (Guarantors /Mortgagor) Loan Account Number 015605017349	Krishnagiri District, Krishngairi Registration District, Hosur Sub Registration District, Hosur Taluk In, Mookondapalli Village 1: Sy.No.87/1D, Dry. Ext. Hect.0.49.0 Asst. 1.06 In This Ac.0.25 Acre or 10900 Square Feet Bounded As Follows: East: Car Track West: Remaining Land In The Same Sy.No. North: Car Track South: Sipcot Land Within These Boundaries The Above Said Extent of 0.25 Acre or 10900 Land Fully Property Comes Under New Sub Division Sy.No. 87/1D2, Dry Ext. Hec. 0.10.0 Asst. 0.22 2. Sy.No.87/1D, Dry. Ext. Hect.0.49.0 Asst. 1.06 In This An Extent of 2190 Square Feet Bounded As Follows: East: Land Belonging To Vijai West: Land In The Same Sy.No. Belonging To The Purchaser North: 10 Feet Common Road South: Sipcot Land In Midst Measuring; East To West on North Side: 36 1/2 Feet East To West on South Side: 36 1/2 Feet North To South on West Side: 60 Feet North To South on East Side: 60 Feet Totally An Extent of 2190 Square Feet of Land Fully Property Comes Under New Sub Division Sy.No. 87/3, Dry.Ext.Hec. 0.02.0 Asst. 0.06	Rs. 3,06,28, 081/- (As on March 02, 2026)	Rs. 2,85,00, 000/- / Rs. 28,50, 000/-	April 09, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	April 22, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM
2.	Cfs Enterprises (Borrower) Sayyad Salman /Mortgagor) Loan Account Number 316951000027	(As Described In The Loan Document/ Property Document Covering Property Situated At Neralur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District Bearing Eastern Portion of Site No.4, VP Khatha No.2080, Property Bearing No.15200101500620664 And 2080/4, Formed In Sy.No. 234/2A2, Bounded As Follows (Admeasuring An Area of East To West On Both Side :32 Feet , North To South on Both Side: 40 Feet, Totally 1280 Square Feet Land Fully Bounded By: on The North By: Remaining Portion of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block on The South By: Site No.3 In Bg Block on The East By: Road on The West By: Remaining Portion of Same Site No.4 In Bg Block	Rs. 3,01,70, 811/- (As on March 02, 2026)	Rs. 62,70, 000/- / Rs. 6,27, 000/-	April 09, 2026 From 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	April 22, 2026 From 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (assets.matexauctions.com).of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by April 21, 2026 before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before April 21, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or before April 21, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or April 21, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at "Bangalore".
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No.7304918084
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : March 31, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

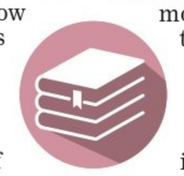
Udupi all set to get 'fully literate' tag

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

UDUPI district is all set to be declared a "fully literate" district, marking an important milestone in its ongoing adult education drive that began last year to identify and educate illiterate individuals across gram panchayats.

Sources in the Adult Education Office said declarations confirming complete literacy have been received from Kaup, Karkala, Hebri, Brahmavara and Byndoor taluks. Udupi and Kundapur taluks are expected to submit their declarations shortly. Once these are received, the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) will declare Udupi a fully literate district.

Officials said that according to Central government norms, a region is considered completely literate when it achieves a literacy rate of 95% or above. This benchmark is treated as equivalent to 100% literacy. "We are now completing the formalities through taluk panchayat executive officers," sources informed. Udupi district has a total of 158 gram panchayats, all of which have submitted reports indicating near-total literacy. The final step involves consolidation of declarations by taluk panchayat executive officers (EO) and submission of it to the ZP Chief Executive Officer for official approval.



The achievement follows a focused intervention by the adult education office, which had earlier identified 1,246 illiterate adults and enrolled them in special four-month literacy courses in the district. Conducted by the Adult Education Office, the programme used tailored learning materials to impart basic reading, writing and arithmetic skills, with participants assessed at the end of the course. Officials noted that the initiative largely benefited adults and elderly individuals who had missed formal schooling in their younger years.

The success of the programme has helped bridge literacy gaps at the grassroots level and improve civic participation. Yoganarasimha Swamy K M, District Adult Education Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Udupi, told TNIE that two textbooks — 'Balige Belaku' and 'Savi Baraha' which were specially designed for educating adults — were used to ensure the district becomes fully literate. Those in need of the course had approached their local gram panchayats who helped out, he added. In contrast, close to eight months ago, 45 out of 158 gram panchayats in the district were yet to be declared as completely literate, making this an enormous achievement.

Magadi man dies amid Nanjangud Rathotsava rush

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

ONE person died and two others suffered serious injuries in the heavy rush at the annual Pancha Maharathotsava at Sri Nanjundeshwara Temple in Nanjangud on Monday.

Nanjundaswamy (56), a resident of Magadi, had travelled to Nanjangud to witness the grand chariot festival, which draws lakhs of devotees every year. He reportedly collapsed and was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors were unable to revive him. Preliminary reports indicate that he might have suffered a cardiac arrest triggered by the crowd pressure.

The temple town, referred to as Dakshina Kashi, saw an estimated turnout of over 1.5 lakh devotees on Monday. Rangaswamy (52) and his son from Srirampura Layout in Nanjangud were injured after falling down near a police barricade.

Thousands of devotees attend Lord Srikanteshwara Swamy's Pancha Rathotsava (car festival) in Nanjangud on Monday | UDAYASHANKAR S

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First Floor, Brindavan Building, Raja Ram Mohan Rao Road, Sampangi Ram Nagar, Bangalore-560025

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Yes Bank Ltd. i.e. Secured Creditor will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **31-3-2026** for recovery of **Rs.11,073,241.01/- (Rupees One crore ten lakh seventy-three thousand two hundred forty one Rupees and One paisa only)** as on **21st October 2024,**subject to further interest and charges at contracted rate, due to the Secured Creditor from **Kumar M (Applicant) and Anitha (Co-Applicant) in loan account No: HLN002201630710.**
The reserve price is Rs.13465000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs.1346500/-
Description of property : All that piece and parcel of the property of the Residential Site No.3C located in Northern portion in Sy.No.21/4, Converted Sy.21/4, BBMP Katha No.270/21/4/3C(Vide Conversion Sy.No.21/4, BBMP Katha No.270/21/4/3C (Vide Conversion Order No.A.L.N.(S)KEN/43/2016-17, Dated:27-10-2017) Katha no.21/4/3C Situated at PattanagereVillage, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, the property comes under the ,imit s BBMP and bounded as follows : East to West- 80-0 feet, North to South-20-0 feet, Total area - 1600 sqft (Residential vacant land) East: Private Property, West: Road, North: Private Property South: Southern Portion of Same Site No.3C
Date and time of e-auction: 29th April 2026; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.
Last date for submission of bid: 28th April 2026 till 3 PM.
Date of inspection of property: 27th April 2026; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.yesbank.in.**
In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/ e-bidding catalogue or Inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for Queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of YES BANK LTD **Mr. Neelkanth Naidu on + 919000024413 or Email : neelkanth.naidu@yes.bank.in and Sharath Kumar P on 919148937885 on sharathkumar.p@yesbank.in and Officials of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad, Contact Person - Ram Sharma, Bidder Support Numbers : 9978591888, 9265562821 -079 61200594/ 598/ 568/ 587/ 538. Email: support@auctiontiger.net, ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Website For SARFAESI - https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net**
As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.
SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GAURANTORS
The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 15 days from the date of publication. The sale notice and detailed terms and conditions of the auction is published in New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 31-3-2026 and also published in https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (online Auction website) for participating in online auction and please refer to the link https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property provided in website of YES Bank Ltd. i.e. www.yesbank.in. No further notice shall be henceforth given to you.

Date: 31.03.2026 Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized officer, For YES BANK Limited**

Continuation of Partial Cancellation of some Mail/Express trains between Andal & Durgapur stations

The locomotive reversal of the following Mail/Express trains at Andal station instead of Durgapur station will be continued upto **30.06.2026**. Hence, these trains will be diverted via Asansol - Andal - Sainthia instead of their existing route Asansol - Andal - Durgapur - Andal - Sainthia and will remain partially cancelled between Andal & Durgapur stations.
(1) 12551 SMVT, Bengaluru-Kamakhya AC Superfast Express [JCO 04/04, 11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 02/05, 09/05, 16/05, 23/05, 30/05, 06/06, 13/06, 20/06 & 27.06.2026 (Saturday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 20.00 hrs., Dep. 20.01 hrs. **(2) 12552 Kamakhya-SMVT, Bengaluru AC Superfast Express** [JCO 01/04, 08/04, 15/04, 22/04, 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05, 27/05, 03/06, 10/06, 17/06 & 24.06.2026 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs. **(3) 13417 Digha- Malda Town Express** [JCO 02/04, 09/04, 16/04, 23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05, 28/05, 04/06, 11/06, 18/06 & 25.06.2026 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. **(4) 13418 Malda Town-Digha Express** [JCO 02/04, 09/04, 16/04, 23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05, 28/05, 04/06, 11/06, 18/06 & 25.06.2026 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 12.43 hrs., Dep. 12.45 hrs. **(5) 13425 Malda Town-Surat Express** [JCO 04/04, 11/04, 18/04, 25/04, 02/05, 09/05, 16/05, 23/05, 30/05, 06/06, 13/06, 20/06 & 27.06.2026 (Saturday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 16.41 hrs., Dep. 16.43 hrs. **(6) 13426 Surat-Malda Town Express** [JCO 06/04, 13/04, 20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05, 18/05, 25/05, 01/06, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06 & 29.06.2026 (Monday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 00.02 hrs., Dep. 00.04 hrs. **(7) 15629 Tambaram-Silghat Town Nagaon Express** [JCO 06/04, 13/04, 20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05, 18/05, 25/05, 01/06, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06 & 29.06.2026 (Monday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal:** Arr. 03.41 hrs., Dep. 03.42 hrs. **(8) 15630 Silghat Town-Tambaram Nagaon Express** [JCO 03/04, 10/04, 17/04, 24/04, 01/05, 08/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 05/06, 12/06, 19/06 & 26.06.2026 (Friday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. **(9) 15640 Kamakhya- Puri Express** [JCO 05/04, 12/04, 19/04, 26/04, 03/05, 10/05, 17/05, 24/05, 31/05, 07/06, 14/06, 21/06 & 28.06.2026 (Sunday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 12.20 hrs., Dep. 12.22 hrs. **(10) 15661 Ranchi-Kamakhya Express** [JCO 01/04, 08/04, 15/04, 22/04, 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05, 27/05, 03/06, 10/06, 17/06 & 24.06.2026 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 02.21 hrs., Dep. 02.23 hrs. **(11) 15662 Kamakhya-Ranchi Express** [JCO 07/04, 14/04, 21/04, 28/04, 05/05, 12/05, 19/05, 26/05, 02/06, 09/06, 16/06, 23/06 & 30.06.2026 (Tuesday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs. **(12) 15929 Tambaram-New Tinsukia Express** [JCO 02/04, 09/04, 16/04, 23/04, 30/04, 07/05, 14/05, 21/05, 28/05, 04/06, 11/06, 18/06 & 25.06.2026 (Thursday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 03.41 hrs., Dep. 03.42 hrs. **(13) 15930 New Tinsukia-Tambaram Express** [JCO 06/04, 13/04, 20/04, 27/04, 04/05, 11/05, 18/05, 25/05, 01/06, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06 & 29.06.2026 (Monday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 08.10 hrs., Dep. 08.11 hrs. **(14) 22611 MGR Chennai Central-New Jalpaiguri Superfast Express** [JCO 01/04, 08/04, 15/04, 22/04, 29/04, 06/05, 13/05, 20/05, 27/05, 03/06, 10/06, 17/06 & 24.06.2026 (Wednesday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 16.55 hrs., Dep. 16.57 hrs. **(15) 22612 New Jalpaiguri-MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express** [JCO 03/04, 10/04, 17/04, 24/04, 01/05, 08/05, 15/05, 22/05, 29/05, 05/06, 12/06, 19/06 & 26.06.2026 (Friday)]. **Stoppage timing at Andal :** Arr. 06.45 hrs., Dep. 06.47 hrs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Sri.PanKaj Kumar** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.
The Original Sale deed dated 11.07.2013 execute by Sri.K.Jawarilal Jain in favour of Sri.P.G.Srinivas, and Registered as Document No. JGN-1-02369-2013-14, and stored in CD No. JGND311 registered in the office of the Sub registrar, Jigani in respect of Property bearing Site No.13, Katha No.67, Property No.186/1, Measuring East to west 26ft, and North to South 31+30/2ft, in all Measuring 793Sq.ft, Situated at Sampigehalli Village, Bannerghatta Dhakale, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, District is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on **30.03.2026** vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report No.**2131189/2026.**
Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 7 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him/their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.13, Katha No.67, Property No.186/1, Measuring East to west 26ft, and North to South 31+30/2ft, in all Measuring 793Sq.ft, Situated at Sampigehalli Village, Bannerghatta Dhakale, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, District and bounded on:
East by : Site No.14
West by : Site No.12
North by : 25ft, Road
South by : Private Property

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public is hereby informed that my clients **SRI. MAHAVEER KUMAR SURANA** is intending to purchase the property bearing Site No.104, formed in Sy.No.99, Situated at Madiwala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of B.B.M.P Ward No. 172, bearing Municipal No.104, PID No.65-39-104, EPID - 6533248807 6th Cross, Jaibheema Nagar, BTM 1st Stage,Ist Phase, Bangalore,measuring East to West 19.52 Meters and North to South 11.12 Meters in all measuring 217.06 Square Meters or 2336 Square Feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface from SMT. YASHODAMMA. C. The said property hereinafter referred to as Schedule Property for the sake of brevity. Any person/s having any claim or asserting any rights or interest in the Schedule Property in any manner, may lodge their objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence, by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Ten days from the date hereof, failing which my clients will proceed to purchase the schedule property from the aforesaid owners on the basis that there are no claims whatsoever against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Site No.104, formed in Sy.No.99, Situated at Madiwala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of B.B.M.P Ward No.172, bearing Municipal No.104, PID No.65-39-104, EPID - 6533248807 6th Cross, Jaibheema Nagar, BTM 1st Stage, 1st Phase, Bangalore, measuring East to West 19:52 Meters and North to South 11.12 Meters in all measuring 217.06 Square Meters or 2336 Square Feet, and bounded as follows:
East by : Road
West by : Site No.105
North by : Private Property
South by : Site No.103
Place: Bangalore Date: 30-03-2026

N Channakrishnappa, Advocate
#57, 1st Avenue, Teachers Colony,Koramangala Post, Bengaluru.
Mobile : 9731892799

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. 06/SBC/26 of 24-03-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Sub Work - I: Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur Section :** Proposed construction of SnT buildings (Relay room and Telecom room) at Basampalli (BSPL), including electrical portion in connection with the work of provision of additional loop line. **Sub Work -II: Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur Section :** BSPL : Proposed civil works for raising and extension of PF-1 and PF-2, construction of PF walls, providing bore well and water supply arrangements in lieu of providing extra loop line Rd-3, including electrical portions. **Sub Work -III:** Proposed extension of existing Bridge No. 109 at km 37/900 - 38/000, PD-110 at km 38/100-200, PD-111 at km 38/800-900, PD-112 at km 38/930 in Basampalle yard (BSPL) in connection with the proposed additional loop line. (Composite tender) Maintenance period is 36 months for SW-I and 12 months for SW II, III.	Rs. 6,17,86,972/-
2	**Penukonda-Sri Satya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam Dharmavaram section :** Proposed Foot Over Bridge (FOB) to connect PF - 1 to PF - 2 at Basamapalli (BSPL) station at km 38/275 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur section. Maintenance period is 12 months	Rs. 2,53,12,145/-
3	**Assistant Divisional Engineer/Hindupur Section : DBU** Civil works for extension of track from Tower wagon siding to trap switch at shunting neck and SnT building at Doddaballapur (DBU) yard in connection with the work of Doddaballapur - Provision of emergency dispatch crossover at Yelahanka end. Maintenance period is 12 months	Rs. 1,52,79,480/-
4	**Sub Work - I: Penukonda - Sri Sathya Sai Prashanthi Nilayam - Dharmavaram :** Track work, Earthwork and supply of Ballast in connection with the work of Provision of Additional loop line Road - 3 at Basampalli (BSPL) station. **Sub Work - II:** Doddaballapur Track work, Earthwork and supply of Ballast in connection with the work of Provision of emergency dispatch cross over at Yelahanka end for providing universal RnD facility to all running lines and connectivity from tower car shed to existing shunting neck including extension of existing neck from 440 to 600m. (Composite work)	Rs. 2,26,62,522/-

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 20-04-2026**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/1028/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Senior Divisional Engineer /Co-Ordination Bengaluru**

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Publication of Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/178/2026 Dated:25-03-2026

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Item of Work	Approx. Value	Date of Closing
1	Site clearance and tree cutting & Transportation, land boundary marking & installing pillars, land acquisition liasoning and mutation for Shivamogga Town-Ranibennur New line project from KM 48/000 to 103/175 **(Tender Ref. No. : SMET-RNR-SITE-CLEARANCE)**	Rs. 13,86,22,502/-	17-04-2026 (15:00 Hrs.)
2	Design, Customization, Implementation, Operations & Maintenance support of Integrated Project Management and information system (PMIS) for various projects under South Western Railway. **(Tender Ref. No. : PMIS-SWR-01R)**	Rs. 4,26,03,321/-	24-04-2026 (15:00 Hrs.)

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PUB/1027/AAF/PRB/SWR/2025-26 **Deputy Chief Engineer/Construction/Works Bengaluru Cantonment**

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RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064
WEBSITE: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No.RWF/W/25-26/22 dtd. 28.03.2026

E- TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works).
S.No. : 1. **Tender No :** W.496/RWF/ YNK/1077. **Description :** SW:1-Upgradation and renewal of gantry girders, gantry rails and diaphragm connections at PC Bay inside factory premises of RWF. SW:2-Providing of foot over bridge from Administrative building to Railway Hospital, West Colony of RWF. **Estimated Value in:** Rs. 54266637.15. **EMD Amount in:** Rs.1085300.00. **Closing Date & Time:** 20/04/2026 at 15:00 hrs. **S.No. :** 2. **Tender No :** W.496/RWF/YNK/1078. **Description :** Construction and Re-setting of stone slab drain for percolation of storm water with silt chambers at West Colony of RWF. **Estimated Value in:** Rs.23021862.70. **EMD Amount in:** Rs.460400.00. **Closing Date & Time:** 20/04/2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Dy. Chief Engineer

IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II

BSNL Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.593/2024

Between: Canara Bank ...Applicant

And

Mr. Madhan J., and Another ....Defendants

SUMMONS / NOTICE ISSUED TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES OF 1993 BY WAY OF SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against the Defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,02,50,407-46** (Rupees One Crore Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Four Hundred Seven and paisa Forty-six only) together with current and future interest and other relief/s.
Take notice that you are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **30/04/2026** at 10:30 AM in person or by a Pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice of interim relief sought.
Take notice that in case of default, the application/ interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the 18th day of March 2026.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, Bengaluru

To: **Defendant No. 2:**
M/s. Sri Vani Shelters,
Having its Regd. Office at. 26/2, Lal Bahadhur Shastri Nagar, 11th Block, Anjanapura, Bannerghatta Main Road, BENGALURU – 560 083.
Reptd. By its Managing Partner, Sri.Pradeep Kumar K.

PUBLIC NOTICE - TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the General Public that following share certificate of **Bharat Forge Limited** having its Registered office at **Mundhwa, Pune Cantonment, Pune - 411 036, Maharashtra, India,** Registered in the name of the following shareholders have been lost by them.

Sr. No.	Name of the Shareholders	Folio No	Cert No	Start Dist. No.	End Dist. No.	Shares & Face value Rs.2/
1.	Vidya Amruthkumar Salanki AND Basappa Yeshwantappa Revashetti	0005 3019	124948	459448264	459448683	420
2.	Vidya Amruthkumar Salanki AND Basappa Yeshwantappa Revashetti	0005 3019	7620	10728291	10728710	420

The Public are hereby cautioned against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificates.
Any person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificates should lodge such claim the Company or its Registrar and Transfer Agents MUFG Intime India Private Limited 247 Park, C- 101, 1st Floor, L.B.S. Marg, Vikroli (W) Mumbai – 400083 TEL: 91810811676 **within 15 days** of Publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the Company shall proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificates.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 31.03.2026

Name of the Registered Shareholders
Vidya Amruthkumar Salanki AND Basappa Yeshwantappa Revashetti

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri.Pramod.S.A.,** son of Sri.K.S.Anatharam through his mother and GPA holder Smt.Shakunthala. If any person/s has/have any objection concerning the same, the same may be forwarded to the undersigned along with all relevant documents within 15 days from the date of this notice. Any objection/s raised beyond the expiry period will be ignored and the transaction will be proceeded with.

SCHEDULE

Site No.76, "SRI SANKARA REGENGY" in converted Survey No.49 (P) and 52 (P) with PID No.6000031768 situated at Thalaghattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore with BDA Committee Approval vide Resolution No.77/2009 dated:25-03-2009 with Commissioner's Plan approval bearing No. BDA/TPM/PL/28/04-05/1213/2009-10 dated: 14-07-2009 measuring East to West: 18.28 Meters and North to South:12.19 Meters in all measuring 222.83 Square Meters is bounded on the East by: Site No.83; West by: Road; North by: Site No.75 and South by: Site No.77

B.G. SRIRAM, Advocate & Notary
No.65, 13th Main, 4th Block East, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560011.
Ph No. 080-2653 6651

ICICI Bank

Branch Office: ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068

PUBLIC NOTICE-TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]
Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable asset(s) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
This notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. Sharanu Patil (Borrower) Gangabai S Hirol (Co-Borrower) Loan Account Number LBGUL00006162577/ LBGUL00006178914	All That Part And Parcel of The Shop Bearing Corporation No.8-483/3 on Ground Floor Measuring In All 220 Sq.ft. I.E. 10' X 22' of Rcc Roof With Column Having Cts No. 2821(H-4), Sheet No. 44, Block No.ii, Situated At Fort Road, Asif Gunj, Kalaburagi And The Dimension of The Same Is East To West: 10' & North To South: 22' Having Bounded By:- Bounded By: North: Road South: Staircase Between Dr. M. G. Desai & R. S. Shah Advocate More Particularly Described In Annexed Map In Red Colour & Map Is Part And Parcel of This Deed. East: Common Wall With Shop of Madam Shetty West: Common Wall With Shop of Rasalke	Rs. 27,19,863/- (As on March 20, 2026)	Rs. 27,00,000/- / Rs. 2,70,000/-	April 09, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 02:00 PM	April 15, 2026 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

The online auction will be conducted on the website (https://assets.matexauctions.com).of our auction agency M/s Matex Technologies Limited. The Mortgagors/ Notices are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest by April 13, 2026, before 04:00 PM. else the secured asset(s) will be sold as per schedule.
The prospective bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or before April 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM Thereafter, they have to submit their offer through the website mentioned above on or beforeApril 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM along with the scanned image of the Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. In case the prospective bidder(s) is/ are unable to submit his/ her/ their offer through the website, then the signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 on or April 13, 2026 before 05:00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/ Scheduled Bank in favour of 'ICICI Bank Limited' payable at "Bangalore".
For any further clarifications in terms of inspection, Terms and Conditions of the E-Auction or submission of tenders, contact ICICI Bank Employee Phone No.7304918084.
Please note that Marketing Agency 1. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited, 2. Augeo Assets Management Private Limited 3. Matex Net Pvt. Ltd. 4. Finvin Estate Deal Technologies Pvt Ltd 5. Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd 6. Hecta Prop Tech Pvt Ltd 7. Arca Emart Pvt Ltd 8. Novel Asset Service Pvt Ltd 9. Nobroker Technologies Solutions Pvt Ltd., have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.
The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.
For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale, please visit www.icicibank.com/n4p4s

Date : March 31, 2026
Place: Bangalore & Gulbarga

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

NOTICE OF SALE THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY

SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS CHARGED TO THE BANK UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002. (SARFAESI ACT)

The undersigned as Authorized Officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken over **Physical Possession** of the schedule property under the SARFAESI Act.
The Authorized Officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** had already conducted multiple public auctions for selling the property, but they turned out to be unsuccessful as no bids were received. Hence please be informed that if the total outstanding dues in the aforesaid loan account are not paid within **Fifteen (15) Days** from the date of this publication of this notice, then the Authorized officer will proceed for sale via private treaty of the property as stated below.
Public at large is informed that the secured property as mentioned in the Schedule are available for sale through Private Treaty, as per the terms agreeable to the Bank for realization of Bank's dues on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
Standard terms & conditions for sale of property through Private Treaty are as under:
1. Sale through Private Treaty will be on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS".**
2. The purchaser will be required to deposit 100% of the sale consideration on the expiry of publication of this notice.
3. In case of non-acceptance of offer of purchase by the Bank, the amount if any paid along with the application will be refunded without any interest with in the stipulated time.
4. The purchaser should conduct due diligence on all aspects related to the property (under sale through private treaty) to his satisfaction. The purchaser shall not be entitled to make any claim against the Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor in this regard at a later date.
5. The Bank reserves the right to reject any offer of purchase without assigning any reason.
6. The purchaser has to bear all stamp duty, registration fee, and other expenses, taxes, duties, society dues in respect of purchase of the property.
7. Sale shall be in accordance with the provisions of SARFAESI Act / Rules.

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrowers	Amount as per 13(2) Demand Notice under SARFAESI Act.	Reserve Price for Private Treaty
1	31870430000103 31879410001446	1) Mrs. N M Lavanya, 2) Mr. N M Murthy	**Rs.7,62,521.19** (Rupees Seven Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One and Nineteen Paisa Only) **due as on 03-06-2025**	**Rs.4,00,000/-** (Rupees Four Lakh Only)
	Details of Secured Assets: All that piece and parcel of the for Property No.50-508-37, Property Old No.1569, Nirdarana No.1569, measuring East to West 6.1 meter and North to South 5.7 meter situated at Nelamangala CMC, Nelamangala, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded on: East by:** 50-508-35, **West by:** 52-505-38, **North by:** House belongs to Shankarappa, **South by:** Road.			

The aforesaid Borrower's/ Co-borrower's attention is invited to provisions of section 13(8) of SARFAESI Act for redemption of secured assets mentioned hereinabove by tendering the aforementioned outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the bank before the sale of secured assets.
Correspondence Address: Mr. Kaushik B (Mob. No.7019949040), Mr. Ranjan Naik (Mob. No.6362952653), Mr. Umesh (Mob. No.8050149617), Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, (formerly known as M/s. Janalakshmi Financial Services Pvt. Ltd.), having Office The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Date: 30.03.2026, Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Vijayawada Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta on Monday declared Andhra Pradesh Naxal-free, stating the menace has ended with nine extremists surrendering before police. Gupta described the development as a major success for the state police

Navy man kills woman, burns parts of body, stores rest in fridge

DHARMENDRA REGANA
@ Visakhapatnam

A 30-year-old Navy employee, Chintada Ravindra, allegedly murdered a woman, chopped her body into pieces, burnt some parts including the head, and stored the remaining in his refrigerator at LV Nagar under Gajuwaka police station limits in Visakhapatnam on Sunday afternoon.

The victim has been identified as 31-year-old Polipalli Mounika, a Dalit unmarried woman from Sanjeevayya Colony at Thatichetlapalem in Visakhapatnam.

> **The crime was committed at Ravindra's residence in LV Nagar. He had lured Mounika to the place while his wife was at her parents' home**
>
> Pardha Saradhi Alahar, Gajuwaka Circle Inspector

The accused, Chintada 30-year-old Ravindra, hails from Gajuwaka in Visakhapatnam and is a native of Rajam in Vizianagaram district. A Petty Officer, he joined the Navy 10 years ago and has been working at INS Dega since one year.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Gajuwaka Circle Inspector Pardha Saradhi Alahari said the crime was committed at Ravindra's residence in LV Nagar. He lured Mounika to the place while his wife was at her parents' home. A heated argument broke out between them on Sunday at around 1 pm, during which Ravindra allegedly killed her.

Investigations revealed that Ravindra came into contact with Mounika in 2021 through 'Mingle App' and they developed a relationship. During this period, Mounika allegedly started demanding money from him and, over time, collected around Rs 3.5 lakh. It is alleged that she threatened to disclose their relationship to his wife, police said.

Taking advantage of his wife's absence and unable to bear the alleged harassment and threats, Ravindra lured Mounika to his residence on Sunday (March 29, 2026). After committing the murder, he purchased knives and cutting materials.

According to reports, he confessed that one part of the body was kept in a refrigerator, while another was stuffed into a gunny bag. He later burnt her head and mobile phone in fields at Darapalem in the Simhachalam area of the city.

Circle Inspector Pardha Saradhi said, "Ravindra confessed to his crime and surrendered before Gajuwaka police."

The body parts were sent for postmortem to King George Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

Gajuwaka police have taken Ravindra into custody, registered a case of murder, and have started further investigation into the crime.

TN CM MK Stalin and TVK chief Vijay campaign after filing their papers in Chennai on Monday | PJAWAHAR, P RAVIKUMAR

STALIN, VIJAY FILE PAPERS ON DAY 1

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

ON the first day of filing nominations for the Assembly elections on Monday, three CM aspirants – incumbent Chief Minister MK Stalin, Naam Tamilar Katchi chief coordinator Seeman, and TVK president C Joseph Vijay – and around 570 candidates from various political parties filed their papers across Tamil Nadu.

After filing his papers with the Returning Officer of Kolathur Assembly constituency, Stalin expressed confidence that people would hand him a spectacular victory for the fourth time in a row in the segment, and the DMK alliance will win more than 200 seats.

TVK president Vijay, who is contesting in Perambur and Trichy East constituencies, filed his papers for the Perambur seat. Vijay later appealed to the people to give an opportunity to TVK and vote for the party's whistle symbol on April 23. He later campaigned in Stalin's Kolathur constituency, reiterating his allegation that the DMK was an evil force.

In Devakottai, Naam Tamilar Katchi chief coordinator Seeman filed his papers for contesting in the Karaikudi Assembly segment.

In the past elections, AIADMK candidates used to file their nominations simultaneously on the same day around the same time that is usually considered astrologically auspicious. However, party sources said that it was left to the candidates' convenience this time, since many wanted to file nominations according to their personal horoscopes.

On Monday, key functionaries, including former minister MR Vijayabaskar, filed their papers, while a large number of AIADMK candidates are expected to file their nominations on April 6.

Modi mum on Sabarimala gold theft for LDF's return in Kerala: Rahul

Rahul Gandhi campaigns for UDF candidate Chandy Oommen (R) at Kottayam in Kerala on Monday | PTI

P'Thitta/Kottayam: A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's high-octane election campaign for NDA in Kerala, Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Monday tore into both the PM and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Addressing meetings in Pathanamthitta and Kottayam districts, Rahul also sought to place the Sabarimala gold theft case on the centre stage. "Despite projecting himself as the protector of temples and Hinduism, Modi did not say anything against the LDF government and leaders who stole gold from Sabarimala temple and replaced it with brass. This is because he wants LDF govt in Kerala," Rahul said, addig that Modi also harmed Indian farmers through agreements with the US. **ENS**

CIA REMARK

Naveen Patnaik 'advises' mental treatment for BJP MP Dubey

BIJOY PRADHAN @ Bhubaneswar

BJD president and former chief minister Naveen Patnaik on Monday slammed BJP MP Nishikant Dubey for his controversial remarks alleging links between Biju Patnaik and the CIA. Naveen said the BJP MP needed mental health treatment for making such outrageous and historically unfounded statement.

Naveen emphasised his father's crucial role during the Sino-Indian War of 1962. He noted that then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru had entrusted Biju Patnaik with key responsibilities during the war, even setting up an office for him close to the PMO to assist in critical operations. "I was just 13 years-old at that time, and I clearly remember the circumstances. Such statements are completely baseless," he said. Dubey, known for making controversial statements inside the Parliament and outside, had recently said that Biju Patnaik acted as a link between the US government, the CIA, and Nehru during the 1962 war. His allegations have sparked widespread outrage across Odisha with not only politicians but the common people slamming the MP.

While the BJD has termed it an insult to the legacy of a freedom fighter and statesman, Rajya Sabha MP Sasmit Patra resigned from a parliamentary committee chaired by Dubey.

IN THE COURT OF THE II ADDL. CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT DEVANAHALLI
Crl. Misc. No. 621/2025

BETWEEN: Sri. Kishore Kumar D.N and another ... **PETITIONER**
AND: The Tahsildar Devanahalli ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients namely **1. Smt. Bhagyamma,** W/o Late Muniraju, aged about 55 years, R/at: No. 118, Maseedi Road, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **2. Smt. Sunanda .N,** D/o Late. Narayanaswamy, aged about 60 years, W/o Late. Ramanna R/at:- No. 54/1, 1st main Kenchanahalli, Rajeshwari Nagar Bengaluru South, **3. Smt. Hemavathi,** D/o Late. Narayanaswamy, w/o Kumar, Aged about 56 years, R/at:- Ward No.05, Sarovara Street, Devanahalli Town Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **4. Sri. Srinivas N** S/o Late. Narayanaswamy, Aged about 53 years, R/at:- No.118, Maseedi Road, Devanahalli Town Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **5. Smt. Rajeshwari,** D/o Late. Narayanaswamy, Aged about 40 years, R/at:- No. 128/12, 2nd Block, 34th Cross, Jugnahalli, Bengaluru North. **6. Sri Manjunath .N,** S/o Late, Narayanaswamy, aged about 45 years, R/at ward no.5, Maddiah Beedi, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. **7. Smt. Usha,** D/o Late Narayanaswamy, w/o Gopi S Aged about 44 years, R/at:- Narayanaswamy Badavane, Anjaneya Devasthana, Vinayakanagara, Devanahalli Town Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. They have filed the above petition for the death certificate of Late. Jayamma W/o Late. Narayanaswamy who died on 12.01.2003 at **No. 118,** Maseedi Road, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Pri. Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on **04.05.2026** at **11:00 A.M.** in C.Mis No. 236/2026.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Civil Judge & J.M.F.C Court, Devanahalli

SRI. S.N. VIJAYAKUMARA, Advocate
Office at:- 1st floor, Lakshmi Complex, Sulibele Road, Devanahalli Town, Bengaluru Rural

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LOST

I, **ROSLINE** W/O **MELQUES KUMA** R/at # 6/29, 9th cross, 4th main Adarsh Nagar, Chamrapet, Bangalore - 560018. Do hereby inform the general public that I have lost the Site registration documents Property bearing Site No. 181-182 and 179-180, Formed in **survey No.35 of Block NO.11, Situated at Kannalli Village (Sri Veerabhadraswamy Layout) Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, within the limits of Kodigehalli Village Panchayath, measuring East to West:30'-0" feet and North to South: 40'-0" feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet**, Schedule Property Land in favour of the Vendor's father Sri. Muneeraiah through a grant **Certificate, vide Order No.BDIS/LND/(3)/SR.43/77-78, dated: 23.11.1978.** I have lodged a complaint regarding lost of documents Lost Report No: 2119661 /2026 Finders may contact me in the above mentioned address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The **GENERAL PUBLIC** are hereby informed that my Clients **Mr.SYED SALMAN YUSUF QHADRI** S/o.Syed Asmatha Pasha Qsadri Residing at No:275 Ashoka Pillar, Road 2nd Block Jayanagar 3rd Block, BANGALORE-560102 has lost the original **SALE DEEDS** registered as vide Document No: 251-1981/1982 and DOC No-632-1981/82 pertaining to the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY.** The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House Property bearing **No.275**, having BBMP Katha No:29 situated at 100 feet, Ashoka Pillar Road, 2nd Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE-560011 measuring **East to West 106 feet** and **North to South 100 feet.** And bounded by:East by:Ashoka Pillar RoadWest by: Property Belonging to Sri Krishnaiah Shetty; North by:Road; South by :Property Belonging to Kalyanamma.

Sri.B.B.SUDHIR, Advocate
No:334, 09th Main, 14th Cross,
Indiranagar, BANGALORE-560038
Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Sri.Danial Mohandas** residing at #25, 9th cross, 2nd main, Narasimhaiah Street, Udayanagar, Bangalore North, Dooravaninagar, Bangalore - 560016. My client is the absolute owner of Site No.11 (Old No.132), measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and situated at Nagappa Reddy Layout, New Extension, B Narayanapura, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. My client has lost original Sale deed dated 21.05.1990, executed by Sri.N.Narayan in favour of Sri.P.K.Suresh, registered as Document No.850/1990-91 of Book-I, Volume-153, at pages 65-68 in the office of the sub registrar Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore. My client has lost the above mentioned sale deed while shifting house and the same is not traceable even after his best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost Report No.2131064/2026, dated 30.03.2026, If any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the above mentioned property may lodge their objections if any in writing failing which certified copy of the lost document shall be treated as the original title deeds and construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within 7 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Near Yediyur Lake,
Kanakapura Main Road- B'lore -04.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client **M.Jayaram** intends to purchase the property described Schedule hereunder, for valid sale consideration on assurance of its present owner Sri.Krishna Gowda Kadaba Govindappa (K.G Krishnagowda), that he has not encumbered the same in any way in favour of anybody.

If anybody is having any objection, lawful claim, interest, dispute for the above intended sale transaction, may contact the undersigned with the documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/details of dispute/s within Eight (8) days from the date of this publication, failing which, our clients would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the above described present owner as if there are no third party claims/ objections /disputes in respect of sale / purchase of the Schedule Property and thereafter no claims/ objections/disputes will be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing No.359, with E-Katha No.5862274363, BBMP Old PID No.57-212-359, Situated within Sarakki Ward No.178, 17th B Cross, J.P. Nagar 6th Stage, Bengaluru, with constructed building consisting of 3 Floors RCC Building with all Civic Amenities, measuring East to West 6.10 Meters (20 Feet) and North to South 9.14 Meters (30 Feet) in all measuring 555.74 Sq.Mtrs (600 Sq.Fts) and bounded on East by: Site No.360, West by: Site No.358, North by: Site No.366, South by: Road.

H.R.SHRIDHARA MURTHY,
C.B.KOMALKUMAR, Advocate
No.8/309-310, 1st Floor, Prabhath Complex,
K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: 8711004354, Office: 080-41488901

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is informed to the general public that my client **Sri. SHIVAKUMAR.G.M** S/o. Mahdevappa Papaiah Gollahalli is interested in purchase of 4 sites of different dimensions i.e Site Nos.3,4,5 and 6 in the schedule mentioned below from **Sri. Bharath Kumar Khimsura** S/o. Sri. Kushalraj Khimsura, as he is the owner of the same.

It is also informed and brought to the notice of all that if any interested individual person / company/ private public financial institutions / Nationalized Bank / Co-Operative Bank/ Sahakar Sanga / Private Bank/ BDA / KIADB /KHB etc., is having any claim over the Schedule property, they may contact the below mentioned party / Advocate at their Mobile numbers by sending all documents, ***within 15 days*** from the date of publication of this public notice, otherwise my client will purchase the schedule property and my client is not at all responsible for any claim, that comes after 15 days.

Schedule property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Site Nos.3,4,5 and 6** formed in converted Sy No. (old 113/4A) New No.113/4A2 and situated at **Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk** and all the **3, 4, 5 and 6 sites collectively** Bounded on:-
East by: Sy No.113/5, **West by:** Road,
North by: Site No.2 and **South by:** Site No.7.

R. SREENIVASA RAO, Advocate,
No. 213, I B Main Road,
Kengeri Satellite Town, Bangaluru-560 060
Mobile No. 9448085270 / 9243401590
Place: Bengaluru Date: 31.03.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVOCATION OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

It is informed to the General Public that my clients **(1) Smt. Indrani.V, Chhabria @ D.P. Indrani, (2) Smt. Revathi Sridhar @ D.P. Revathi,** are the absolute owners of the land fully described in the schedule below.

My clients executed GPA on 07/02/2023 registered as Document No.DNH-4-01214/2022-23, C.D.No.1736, Book IV, before the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, in favour M/s Tandra Constructions Pvt. Ltd, represented by its Director Sri.T.Ramesh @ Tandra Ramesh, thereby authorizing and empowering him to act and deal with the schedule property for the development and construction of villas.

In order to cancel/revoke/withdraw the GPA granted in favour of Tandra Ramesh @ T.Ramesh, my clients have caused legal notice dated 24/03/2026.

In view of the above, this public notice is hereby issued regarding the revocation of GPA, dated 07/02/2023 executed by my clients in favour Tandra Ramesh @ T.Ramesh in respect of the schedule B property.

Tandra Ramesh @ T.Ramesh shall not transact/ execute any deed/s/conveyance to any third party in respect of the schedule B property. Any transaction that may take place on the strength of the GPA which has been already revoked/cancelled/withdrawn under the notice, would not be binding and my clients would not ratify nor confirm the said transaction.

Any person/s/Institution dealing with M/s Tandra Constructions Pvt. Ltd in respect of the said property shall do so at his /their own risk and the owners shall not be liable for any consequences.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

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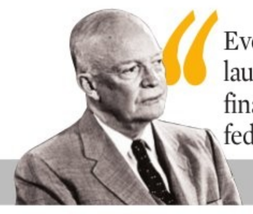

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Dwight Eisenhower

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— Ramnath Goenka

UTTARAKHAND MUST DISPEL WORRIES OVER STUDY ON MINORITIES

A curious exercise is on in Uttarakhand to map the status of minorities in the state. As exclusively reported by this newspaper on Monday, a seven-member committee constituted for the study has already held four meetings. Its primary mandate is to evaluate how effectively state-run schemes have reached minority populations, and to document the progress made in their livelihoods and education since 2000. The panel has an initial tenure of six months, but its methodology—a fresh doorstep survey or analysis of published data—is yet to be determined.

On the face of it, the objective may appear aligned with the terms of reference of the Rajindar Sachar Committee, which was formed in 2005 to report on the social, economic and educational status of Muslims, except for the fact that the ruling BJP is doctrinally opposed to Sachar's recommendations. Those suggestions included establishing a delimitation procedure that does not reserve constituencies with high minority population for Scheduled Castes, raising the employment share of Muslims, and recognising madrasa degrees for eligibility in defence, civil and banking exams. Muslims constitute about 14 percent of Uttarakhand's total 17 percent minority population, as per the last Census.

Critics of the new minority audit sought to connect it with the upcoming special intensive revision of poll rolls before the assembly elections due next year. They suspect its timing because of the massive deletion of voters in SIR drives elsewhere. The opposition questioned the purpose of the study since the forthcoming national Census will anyway generate the data the state seeks with greater depth and clarity.

However, committee member Manu Gaur explained the difference between the Census and the study: "The Census is a holistic exercise, whereas the work of this committee will be strictly within an academic framework." The goal is to gather data on the impact of policies to sharpen evidence-based decision-making for minority welfare. Yet the disquiet persists, especially given that Uttarakhand is the first state to enact a uniform civil code in independent India. It's up to the Dhami government to address all misgivings and restore confidence among the minorities. It must walk the '*Sabka saath*, *sabka vikas*, *sabka vishwas*, *sabka prayaas*' (With all, for everyone's development, trust and effort) talk to dispel concerns of identity politics.

BCCI NEEDS TO REVIEW POLICY TO PICK VENUES

LAST week, the Board of Control for Cricket in India revealed the international schedule in the country for the 2026-27 season. With Australia, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka and West Indies set to tour, it promises to be a bumper half-year for sports lovers. Indian fans would welcome so many international matches lined up in the country, especially following a truncated home calendar. However, the venues selected for the marquee five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy starting next January are not aligned with the board's own policies.

Apart from Chennai, none of the traditional Test centres with rich cricketing history has been selected. Why would the BCCI keep ignoring Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru? By the end of the upcoming season, the three cities together will have hosted only three Tests since 2023, whereas Ahmedabad will have hosted its third in the same period. The cricket board's stated policy is to rotate venues regularly, giving more cities the chance to host. But clearly that has not been its practice. Guwahati, which made its debut as a Test centre only a few months ago against South Africa, has been allotted another match. Ranchi and Nagpur will get to host their second Tests in three years. A few weeks ago, there was a raft of tributes celebrating the 25-year anniversary of the historic Kolkata Test between India and Australia. It would have been fitting for Eden Gardens to be given another match against Australia next year, especially since it has hosted only one Test since 2020.

The BCCI has also allotted a one-day match to New Delhi in December, when the national capital's air quality may not be ideal for an outdoor match between elite sides. When Sri Lanka played in Delhi in December 2017, their players suffered from nausea and some wore masks on the field. A South Africa Test allotted to Delhi last December was shifted later and an October Test against West Indies was scheduled instead. This could well be another case of a schedule not fully thought through. So don't be surprised if venues or dates are changed for the second year in a row. The BCCI needs to clear the air after taking a hard look at its match scheduling policy.

QUICK TAKE

UNDERSTAND TO IMPROVE

THERE has been a steady rise in parliamentary questions on road accidents in recent sessions. One common thread running through them is about numbers. Now, anecdotal evidence suggests there has also been a remarkable rise in the number of car accidents involving underage drivers. Lives have been lost and properties damaged in recent months by minors at the wheels in Chennai, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Kanpur and Delhi. To solve a problem, we need to get a grip on it first. Reporting for the recently launched RAHAT (Road Accident Victim Hospitalisation and Assured Treatment) scheme for cashless treatment for road accident victims can be geared to get age-wise data of concerned drivers. At the same time, there should be academic studies on effective ways to curb risky behaviour among adolescents. This is not a malaise that can be addressed merely by stricter road rules.

Following the end of the Cold War, many nations diverted resources from defence to investment and social programmes. Voters who support spending more for defence rarely understand its futility

REPLACING PEACE DIVIDEND WITH GLOBAL WAR TAX

SATYAJIT DAS

Former banker and author of *A Banquet of Consequences*

MANDAR PARDIKAR

MARS, the powerful Roman god of war, is ascendant. Globally, defence spending has reached $2.7 trillion in 2024, a 9.4 percent annual increase, and, on present trends, will reach $6.6 trillion by 2035.

The rise of militarism is disconcerting. First, it represents a substantial diversion of economic resources marking a shift from the post-Cold War peace dividend to a war tax. Since 2022, global military spending has risen from 2.2 percent to 2.5 percent of global GDP and from 6.6 percent to 7.1 percent of government budgets.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union, cuts in defence spending boosted economic growth. The US defence budget halved from to 3.1 percent of the GDP between 1989 and 1999. Europe's defence spending declined to around 2 percent of GDP, in part due to their now-problematic dependence on US protection. Across the European Union, this freed up money for private investment and social programmes, which increased from 36.6 percent in 1995 to 41.4 percent before the pandemic. Europe's peace dividend may be as much as €4.2 trillion over a 30-year period. The reversal must be financed by unpopular reductions in existing spending or higher borrowing, which is difficult for highly-indebted countries like Japan, some European states and the UK.

Second, defence spending may not generate economic activity. Beyond the initial expenditure, there are minimal multiplier effects as most goods have limited consumption or investment value. It is spent on items that become obsolete if unused or destroyed if deployed in combat. There is a diversion of resources and talent. In the longer term, any stimulatory effects of increased military spending are outweighed by higher inflation, budget deficits and higher taxes. If a State does not have the required indigenous industries, then defence spending mainly benefits foreigners, primarily major armament exporters like the US, Russia, China, France and Germany. Then there are human and material costs of wars.

Third, the effectiveness of defence spending is uncertain. Given that the required capabilities are a function of the adversary, the type of conflict and its duration, it is unclear what target fixed percentage of GDP is appropriate or sufficient. As the Ukraine war illustrates, no matter how high the state of preparedness, actual conflict requires diverse armaments and a scale of output that is difficult to achieve.

The money is frequently eaten up by salaries, pensions and administration costs. More than one-third and one-half of US and European defence spending goes on personnel.

Advanced weapon systems, the now favoured strategy, are often duds. The Golden Dome missile defence system, forecast to cost anywhere between $252 billion and $3.6 trillion, may not work like its failed precursor, the Star Wars shield. Weapons systems that take years to develop and deliver may become redundant due to changes in the type of conflict or advances in counter-measures. Development of cheap drone warfare, which took pundits by surprise, has made some technologies obsolete. Anti-ship hypersonic missiles make expensive carrier fleets vulnerable.

Defence products rarely meet their specifications due to long development processes, changing requirements, complex or novel technologies, design issues, delays, massive cost overruns, and worker and supply shortages. Military production is constrained by complex supply chains. American and European attempts to increase their defence capabilities are likely to be hampered by their reliance on potential adversaries for critical materials such as rare earths and other elements including semiconductors. High-tech weaponry requires frequent expensive maintenance and extensive redundancy. Skilled personnel to build and operate such armaments are increasingly scarce. Projects are often scaled down and eventually scrapped at great public expense.

For those without large defence industries, reliance on foreign suppliers creates dependencies. Australia's planned AUKUS nuclear-powered submarine fleet makes it reliant on the US and UK for design, critical technologies and fuel, reducing its value.

Fourth, extra spending on defence does not guarantee security. It leads to accelerating arms races where any decisive advantage is quickly lost, triggering cost spirals as nations try to keep up. The fears of an established power about the rise of competitors can lead to conflict—the Thucydides trap. In 1914, Germany rushed to war with Russia fearing that the latter's rapid industrialisation would imminently surpass their capabilities.

Availability of arms fuels conflict. Russian writer Anton Chekhov argued that one must not put a rifle on the stage if no one is thinking of firing it. That holds for geopolitics as well.

Fifth, as Dwight Eisenhower, John Galbraith and C Wright Mills foresaw, the unwarranted influence of the military-industrial complex weakens democracy. The defence techno-structure requires centralisation and bureaucracy to assert control over resources, undermining markets and capitalism as war is the ultimate State-directed activity. Today, the focus on cyber, drone, satellite, intelligence gathering and psychological warfare has created a powerful group of techno-kings such as Palantir. These groups, who once saw defence as morally tainted, now dominate the new defence-tech ecosystem.

But political impetus for greater defence spending remains strong. It is popular with voters with little idea about the subject. Leaders, bamboozled by generals seeking the latest toys, can indulge in rhetorical fantasy targeting citizens' baser nationalist instincts. It makes for good photo opportunities. Politicians feel strong in the company of warriors. Journalist Robert Fisk held that one reason that recent generations of leaders initiate wars is that most have never experienced its futile horror firsthand. Even where eligible, many avoided military service.

The argument in favour of the increase in defence capabilities is a trite one: defence is expensive, but cheaper than war or a defeat. It falsely frames the problem as discounting peaceful coexistence, negotiated resolution of disputes, and non-interference in the domestic affairs of others.

The embrace of violent conflict and military capabilities points to a deep self-destructive flaw in humans. A classic song from the 1970s by Barrett Strong and Norman Whitfield summed it up: "War… What is it good for? Absolutely nothing."

(Views are personal)

A HIGH-VOLTAGE STREET THEATRE

RAJESH RAMACHANDRAN

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OF the five assemblies going to polls in the next few weeks, the state where the Congress is perhaps pinning its tallest hope of forming a government is Kerala. The hope is fuelled by anti-incumbency against 10 years of Left Democratic Front rule and is based on Congress's thumping Lok Sabha victory in 2024 and at the local body elections three months ago. Many Left citadels fell as the United Democratic Front swept corporations, municipalities and grama panchayats with a decisive edge of 5.4 percent in vote share over the LDF.

But this winning spark, instead of igniting a desire to propel the party in the upcoming polls, has singed it, with Congress leaders openly fighting over post-poll positions. The CPI(M), which leads the governing coalition, announced 81 of its 86 candidates on March 15, the very day the Election Commission of India unveiled the poll schedule. Whereas the Congress wasted five days squabbling over who should contest.

Former Pradesh Congress Committee president K Sudhakaran, former home minister Ramesh Chennithala, UDF convenor Adoor Prakash and others were actively politicking, queering the pitch for the Leader of Opposition, V D Satheesan, a frontrunner in the chief-ministerial race. K C Venugopal, national general secretary in charge of organisation, was not quick enough to organise his fellow Malayali Congressmen. It seems a faint smell of faraway success turned Congressmen delusional over trappings of power.

Even after Sudhakaran's rebellion was quelled, it still took the Congress some time to finalise the candidates' list, proving that the opposition was not battle-ready. Meanwhile, television screens were blaring the story of a rape-accused aspirant, when denied a ticket, threatening to take on Satheesan as a rebel candidate. He, like the others, soon fell in line, but only after a distasteful drama.

The greatest beneficiary of this high-voltage street theatre was the LDF. It was not merely a case of the UDF losing crucial days of electioneering, but the electorate getting distracted from issues of governance, corruption allegations and ideological wranglings.

If the UDF still wins, it would only be because of the anti-incumbency wave that has been sweeping the state for some time, as evidenced in the Lok Sabha and local body polls, not because of the Congress leadership's efforts to dislodge Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who has launched a spirited campaign. The government is battling several debilitating allegations of corruption—the worst being the Sabarimala gold theft case—and high-profile issues of misgovernance, particularly in the health sector.

However, what makes this election unique is the unprecedented internal dissension in the CPI(M). Former three-term MLA Aisha Potty and former Chief Minister V S Achuthanandan's aide A Suresh have joined the Congress. Heavyweight former minister G Sudhakaran,

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While hoping to cash in on anti-incumbency sentiments against the LDF in Kerala, the Congress queered its pitch when its leaders bickered openly over candidate selection. An unprecedented number of defections are shifting the ground as parties are pitching for support from community blocs

former MLA P K Sasi, and local leaders V Kunhikrishnan and T K Govindan are contesting as UDF-supported independent candidates. Two of these contests are happening in chief minister's backyard, Kannur. The CPI(M) had earlier witnessed splits engineered by stalwarts M V Raghavan and K R Gouri Amma, but never retail defections on this scale.

That is not all. The BJP, too, has a fair share of LDF defectors in its camp. Former CPI(M) MLA S Rajendran and ex-CPI representative K Ajith are now BJP contestants, as is sitting CPI legislator C C Mukundan. These internal contradictions, allegations of corruption and accusations of misgovernance leave the LDF dented as it makes an attempt to seek a third consecutive term—completely unheard of in Kerala.

After winning the Thrissur Lok Sabha seat in 2024, and then the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation and Tripunithura Municipality in 2025, the BJP believes that it is on an upswing. Some of the voters who have got thoroughly disgusted by the antics of Congress leaders may prefer the BJP as a third option, particularly those who want a change of government. But even these anti-incumbency votes may not form the critical mass to win many seats for the BJP.

The BJP's alliance with Twenty20, a central Kerala local political outfit, leaving 19 seats for this untested newbie has left many baffled, triggering opposition allegations of a clandestine deal between the BJP and the CPI(M) to keep the Congress out of power. In a state with nearly 50 percent minority population, the BJP had for long sought Christian votes to make a mark. It did win considerable Christian support while bagging the Thrissur Lok Sabha seat. This time around, Twenty20 is expected to offer Christians a platform within the NDA.

The BJP had led in 11 assembly segments in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, but was disappointed with its poor show in the Thrissur local body election. Rajeev Chandrashekhar, former Union minister and state unit head, is contesting one of the three segments that he had led in the Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha contest. The party was ahead in two segments in neighbouring Attingal parliamentary constituency as well in the same district. But these and a couple of other seats may not add up to a giant leap unless voters decisively move from the CPI(M) to the BJP, because hitherto the former has been the primary party favoured by Hindu voters in the state.

If indeed such a shift happens, the BJP would only have the Congress to thank because the latter's public display of avarice has left even some of its eager voters angry.

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Peace prompts

Ref: *War front sets the pace* (Mar 30). Honesty and sincerity along with a sync between words and deeds are the keys to ending the conflict. It's for those concerned to create a congenial atmosphere where peace and diplomacy can be initiated and the issues are discussed threadbare.
R Sampath, Chennai

Family bond

Ref: *Not ideal, but necessary* (Mar 30). Our elderly are considered no less than the divine holding immense affection, and must not be abandoned. The law should be emulated and implemented nationwide. Additionally, governments must provide free family counselling to secure familial unions.
Sreelekha P S, Secunderabad

Cultural awareness

Ref: *Palms, Passover, promise* (Mar 30). True strength does not need to prove itself through power or loud displays; it quietly reveals itself in humility, sacrifice and courage to care even when it's difficult. The ability to remember past struggles and carry their lessons forward is what keeps society grounded and aware.
Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Vietnam's lessons

Ref: *Iran taunts Trump* (Mar 30). US and Iranian troops locked in mortal combat will result in casualties on both sides. Donald Trump is so callous that he doesn't mind exposing his troops to danger. Nevertheless, the US can't forget its experience of the ground invasion in Vietnam.
G David Milton, email

Kerala's entitlements

Ref: *What remained unchanged will change in Kerala* (Mar 30). While political rhetoric is expected during polls, it should not overshadow the fundamental issue of federal fiscal responsibility. Rather than making tall assurances reserved for election cycles, the Centre must ensure that the state receives its entitled share of resources. Furthermore, unfounded analogies remain deeply unpopular among a populace.
S Padmanabhan, Kochi

Mumbai jinx

Ref: *Rohit's love affair with KKR continues* (Mar. 30). Thanks to the blistering knocks by Rohit Sharma and Ryan Rickelton, Mumbai Indians broke their 14-year 'opening-game jinx' at Wankhede stadium. One wishes that the 'Hitman' would hit more such vintage knocks this season.
R Sivakumar, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Shivraj Singh Chouhan @ChouhanShivraj
Today, on the retirement of Shailesh Kumar Singh ji, Secretary of the Ministry of Rural Development, he was given a heartfelt farewell.

Jairam Ramesh @Jairam_Ramesh
Constitution amendment Bills are being sought to be bulldozed through in next few days on the grounds that Census results will not be available since 2029.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The enthusiasm of those who came from far and wide to the 'Dadri Rally' was unprecedented. Heartfelt congratulations to all attendees and organisers.

Sena MP says growth corridor has replaced 'red corridor' ● CPI says Centre ending tribals' rights in name of LWE fight

NDA, Oppn trade charges over Maoists in LS

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

MEMBERS of the NDA and the Opposition sparred in the Lok Sabha on Monday as the former accused previous UPA governments of failing to contain the Maoist threat. The Opposition hit back, accusing the government of trying to divert attention from livelihood issues and avoiding a debate on them.

Initiating the discussion on "efforts to free the country from 'Left-wing extremism,' Shiv Sena member Shrikant Shinde said, under the BJP rule, the "Red corridor" has shrunk significantly and has been replaced by a growth corridor. Citing data, Shinde claimed that last year, 317 Naxalites were killed, 862 were arrested, and 1,900 of them surrendered.

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Shiv Sena member Shrikant Shinde initiated the discussion on Monday | PTI

Mehdi said the government wants to end Left-wing extremism even as "Right-wing extremism continues to rise."

"You don't want to free India from Right-wing extremism. You want to consign India to right-wing extremism. Is extremism only connected with Left-wing or Muslims. We want this country to be free of extremism—be it in the name of Muslims or in the name of Hindutva," the Srinagar MP said.

The lawmaker went on, "When will institutionalised extremism against Muslims and minorities be discussed? We are told that we are from outside, from Pakistan, there should be our economic boycott, a CM says there should be our economic boycott."

Speaking during the discussion, CPI (MP) Amra Ram said in the garb of eliminating Left extremism, the Centre is taking away the rights of farmers and adivasis by implementing pro-corporate policies, weakening land protection laws, and forcing land acquisition for projects.

TMC's Mahua Moitra wondered why the House was having a discussion on Naxalism when a much worse crisis in West Asia was directly affecting the country. She said while the government wants to pat its own back, people were suffering due to a shortage of LPG and fuel and rising airfares.

Saptagiri Ulaka of Congress said that the UPA government had launched operation green hunt and had created the Commando Battalion for Resolute Action (CoBRA) to deal with the Naxal threat.

'One extremism being replaced with another'

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POWER CORRIDOR

RS MEMBERS HIT OUT AT CAPF BILL

Opposition on Monday condemned the government for trying to negate a judgement by the SC to progressively reduce deputation of IPS officers in Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) by bringing a new legislation. Participating in a discussion on The Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Bill, 2026 in Rajya Sabha, Opposition party leaders Tiruchi Siva of DMK, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP's) Sanjay Singh (AP), Mohammed Nadimul Haque (TMC), Sanjay Yadav of RJD sought due respect to the CAPF personnel They demanded that either the Bill be referred to a select House committee.

INDIA'S ATF SUPPLIES READY FOR 60 DAYS

There is an adequate supply of Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) for the next 60 days in the country without any interruption, Minister of Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu informed the Rajya Sabha on Monday. He was responding to a supplementary query on the supply situation of ATF in India amid the oil crisis due to the West Asia war. Amid the West Asia crisis, he said, "We have an adequate supply of ATF in our country right now. The regular process is that the production that happens for ATF, almost half of it is for domestic consumption and half is exported."

BANKS CANNOT SEE VALUABLES IN LOCKERS: FM

Banks can't see or record what valuables customers store in lockers, as it would lead to a breach of banking regulations, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Monday, ruling out differential insurance coverage based on contents. Sitharaman was replying to a supplementary question raised by Congress leader and MP from Gadchiroli-Chimur constituency, Namdeo Dasaram Kirsan, in the Lok Sabha during the Question Hour. "Sitting and watching the disclosure of a client of what valuables he is going to keep in the locker is a breach of banking rules, and banks wouldn't do that, so that cannot be a measure for me to decide whether there should be differential coverage," she said.

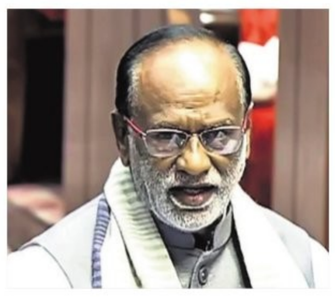
Protest against BJP MP charge on 'misuse' of OBC quotas in RS

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

OPPOSITION members staged a protest and walked out of the Rajya Sabha on Monday after BJP MP K Laxman said that certain states are granting OBC reservation to Muslims for vote-bank politics.

Laxman, BJP OBC Morcha national president, demanded that inclusion of Muslims in OBC lists be stopped. Describing the inclusion a "misuse of OBC reservation," he called upon the government to conduct a comprehensive review. Laxman's comments during Zero Hour triggered a walkout.

Amid the uproar, Laxman said Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Kerala and Telangana have included Muslims in the OBC category to extend reservation benefits. He argued that this goes beyond constitutional provisions. "Reservation for OBCs, who are socially and educationally backward, is now being misused in the name of religion. Reservations are being given on the basis of religion against the mandate of our Constitution," he said. Laxman alleged that for vote-bank politics, some states are extending OBC reservations on religious grounds, particularly benefiting Muslims, prompting protests by Opposition members.



He alleged that reservations meant for OBCs are being deliberately misused for political purposes. "I request the government to order a comprehensive review of such religion-based reservations. Our policy must focus on social and educational backwardness, not on religious identity alone. Only then can we can protect the true spirit of social justice," Laxman said.

Leader of the House J P Nadda said, "The Congress-led INDIA bloc has no interest in democracy, nor in upholding parliamentary decorum, nor in speaking on any issue or engaging in debate, nor in adhering to the Constitution. They have only pursued the politics of appeasement."

'Beyond provisions'

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Priyanka hits back at govt, says 'don't play politics over war'

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

LAUNCHING a counter attack against PM Narendra Modi's remarks on Congress, party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday said it is not right to play politics over war.

Her remarks came a day after Modi accused the Congress of making "dangerous" remarks that could put Indians living in the Gulf at risk to gain political advantage. The Congress leader also asked what plan the government has to bring Indians stranded in the Gulf out of harm's way.

Asked about the PM's remarks, Priyanka Gandhi told reporters in the Parliament House complex, "Lives are in danger because bombs are raining from above. What is he doing about that? What is the plan for bringing people out of harm's way? It is not right to do politics on these things, on war." "We are one on this and the whole country is united, but we want a solution to the problems that are arising out of the conflict. That is why we are asking for a discussion in Parliament so that a debate takes place and we can also put forward our suggestions and a solution is found," the Congress general secretary said.

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"As this war is continuing, the crises are deepening. Today the gas cylinder has become so expensive that no one is able to buy it. What will happen in the future? There will be a shortage of petrol and diesel. So what is the government's plan to deal with that?" she asked.

The government has said in brief but there should be a discussion so that "we can find solutions unitedly", Priyanka Gandhi said.

Addressing a gathering in Kerala on Sunday, Modi had said, "At this time, everyone's attention is on the war going on in West Asia. Our government is continuously working to ensure that its impact on India is minimal." He had further highlighted the ongoing diplomatic efforts.

'Scale up drone production, cut imports in UAVs'

A month into the US-Israel campaign against Iran, the battlefield is yielding hard lessons. Drone swarms, precision strikes and networked air defence are no longer emerging concepts; they're being stress-tested in real time. **Javaria Rana** talks to former Director General of Army Air Defence, **Lt Gen (Dr) V K Saxena (Retd)** on the rise of unmanned systems, the stress points in Iran's air defence architecture and capability gaps India must address. **Excerpts:**

There is a view that Iran's air defence has crumbled under US and Israeli strikes. How do you assess its performance?

I would not characterise it as a collapse. It was a case of sub-optimal performance under saturation. Any Integrated Air Defence System (IADS) rests on three core components: sensors, shooters, and command and control.

Sensors include surveillance radars, early warning systems and electro-optical devices that detect and track aerial threats. Shooters comprise surface-to-air missile systems and anti-aircraft artillery that engage them. The critical layer is the battlefield management command and control system, which fuses inputs, generates a recognised air picture, prioritises threats and assigns weapons in real time. In Iran's case, the sensor and shooter layers are relatively capable but uneven in quality, with a mix of legacy Soviet-origin, indigenous, and reportedly Chinese-origin systems. The limitation lies in the command-and-control architecture. Their Integrated Air Defence Command and Control System appears to have come under strain. It supports both regular armed forces and Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, creating a dual command structure. This leads to delays in decision-making, interoperability challenges, and inefficient resource allocation.

Iran's drone and missile inventory has expanded despite sanctions. How do you assess it?

Sanctions have compelled Iran to indigenise. It has developed industrial-scale production capacity for unmanned aerial vehicles and missiles, supported by hardened and underground infra. The Shahed series, especially the Shahed-136 with a range of 2,000 km, reflects the shift to low-cost, high-volume strike capability. These loitering munitions enable saturation attacks, exploiting gaps in air defence and forcing defenders to expend far more expensive interceptors. Alongside, Iran fields cruise missiles such as Soumar and Hoveyzeh and ballistic missiles including Fateh-110, Zolfaghar, and Shahab-3. It also fields Khorramshahr series, which allows multiple warheads from a single missile to hit separate targets, complicating interception.

What does this war reveal about evolving economics of air defence and the role of unmanned systems?

The war brings out a clear cost asymmetry. Defenders are using high-value interceptors, often several times more expensive, against low-cost UAVs and loitering munitions. This imposes a sustained economic burden. There is also the issue of magazine depth. Interceptor inventories are finite, and in a prolonged engagement, depletion becomes a serious operational constraint. Unmanned systems are reshaping the character of warfare.

Where does India stand in this context and what capability gaps need urgent attention?

India has been responsive in adapting to these trends. Indigenous unmanned aerial and counter-unmanned systems have been tested.

In the conventional air defence domain, we are relatively well-positioned. But in the unmanned domain, three gaps need urgent attention. First, supply chain sovereignty. Our unmanned ecosystem must eliminate dependence on imported critical components.

Second, production scalability. We need to move from prototype-driven development to mass manufacturing. Industrial capacity and throughput must increase to sustain high-intensity operations.

Third, regulatory alignment. The Drone Rules, 2021 must be revisited to reflect operational realities, including airspace integration, counter-drone authorisations, and faster procurement pathways.

Verbatim

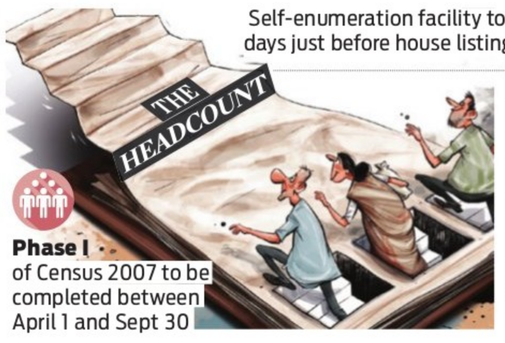
Census: Self-enumeration begins on Apr 1, caste enumeration in Phase 2

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

AS the first phase of Census-2027, during which the house listing exercise would be undertaken, Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India (RG-CCI) Mirtunjay Kumar Narayan on Monday said that the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi—NDMC and cantonment areas—along with A&N Islands, Goa, Karnataka, Sikkim, Odisha, Lakshadweep and Mizoram would launch the mega-task through self-enumeration on April 1 and complete it in the next 15 days. That would be followed by house-to-house visits by enumerators between April 16 and May 15.

In the rest of the country, the self-enumeration and house-to-house visits by enumerators will be undertaken in a phased manner, which will be complete on September 31 with Manipur being the last state.

Addressing a press conference here, Narayan further emphasised that the individual data collected for the Census 2027 will be kept confidential under Section 15 of the Census Act, 1948, and the same cannot be accessed under the Right to Information or for any of the court cases.



Self-enumeration facility to remain open for 15 days just before house listing by enumerators

Phase I of Census 2007 to be completed between April 1 and Sept 30

Enumerators to undertake house to house visit for 30 days

States/UTs have been given freedom to choose their respective schedule within stipulated days

Narayan said, "A census is a vast task to carry on. The census will be carried out in two phases, and this time the data will be collected digitally. The procedure of the census is carried out under the provisions of the Census Act 1948 and the Census Rules 1990. Under Section 15 of the Census Act, the individual data is kept confidential. The data cannot be accessed under the RTI or presented as evidence in court. Only aggregate numbers are used for tabulation." The Census 2027 is overall the 16th such exercise and the eighth after independence, he said, adding that the first phase of the census will include questions related to the housing conditions, amenities available and assets possessed by households.

The population enumeration, which will be done in the second phase of the census, will include the collection of data on demographic, socio-cultural & economic parameters, etc.

MHA employs AI tools for dark web monitoring

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

IN its submission to the Standing Committee on Communications and Information Technology, chaired by BJP MP Nishikant Dubey, the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said that it has been leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) as "a critical enabler" to enhance India's internal security architecture, as this helps the agencies to undertake real-time surveillance and predictive policing as well as behavioural analysis and crime pattern recognition.

The parliamentary panel, which tabled the report in Lok Sabha on Monday, said that the MHA had informed that it was applying AI tools to add more teeth to the law enforcement agencies' existing capabilities, especially in the field of cybercrime and financial fraud prevention, as well as what is expected in the future in this direction. This also helps the law enforcement agencies in faster and more informed decision-making, it added.

The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) has established a data analysis lab to leverage AI and machine learning (ML) for complaint analysis and knowledge sharing. "It organised the CyberGuard AI Hackathon to develop models for automatic classification of cybercrime complaints, improving efficiency on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal," the MHA informed.

The MHA also informed the parliamentary panel that plans "are underway to introduce AI-assisted complaint registration for the 1930 helpline, enhancing user experience", as collaborations with IIT Bombay and RBI Innovation Hub aim to assign suspect scores to mule accounts and financial transactions by proactively flagging fraud.

Tools like the Proactive Monitoring Tool (PMT), which was developed by CDAC Mumbai, are being fine-tuned to detect Child Sexual Exploitation Material, while AI systems monitor dark web activity and scam networks, it noted, while adding that AI is also applied in facial recognition, vehicle's registration number plate recognition and counter-terrorism intelligence. This AI model is being further fine-tuned, and it is proposed to be extended to crawl the open web to proactively identify CSEAM content.

The MHA's I4C also uses AI-based tools to monitor the dark web, scam websites and fraud networks for tracking cybercrime discussions, phishing campaigns and suspicious financial transactions.

Meanwhile, Surakshini, a centre run by the MHA, keeps an eye on crimes related to children and women and helps remove vulgar content, with the I4C sharing a 'hash' value. "Currently, the Online Cyber Crime against Women and Children (OCWC) team under I4C identifies complaints related to Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Material (CSEAM) and Non-Consensual Intimate Imagery (NCII) received through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP)," it said.

The SURAKSHINI dashboard will also provide end-to-end visibility into complaint status, takedown timelines, and FIR registration, helping improve coordination and accountability across platforms and law enforcement agencies. The Parliamentary Committee appreciated these initiatives and encouraged the continued use of AI.

MHA uses AI for surveillance, predictive policing, and crime analysis

AI aids cybercrime, financial fraud prevention, and faster decision-making

SURAKSHINI dashboard monitors women/children crimes; panel backs AI use

I4C applies AI/ML for complaint classification and dark web monitoring

Tools track child exploitation, facial recognition, vehicle plates & counter-terrorism

ACCIDENT

A four-year-old girl died when the scooter she was riding on with her grandfather was hit by a tempo traveller, police said on Monday. The girl was identified as Karam, police said.

10 MEMBERS OF GANG ARRESTED FOR LOOT IN RANCHI

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	38	23	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	37	21	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	36	19	Patna	36	21
Amritsar	20	10	Lucknow	36	20
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	35	24	Imphal	22	15
Srinagar	04	-4	Chandigarh	37	18

Poll panel's decision comes following a proposal by state CEO Manoj Agarwal ● 4-time Cong MLA faces test as BJP nominee in Mariani seat

EC shunts out 4 senior officials over 'partisan' role in Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

AFTER ordering the transfer of several IAS and IPS officers in West Bengal, including top bureaucrats such as the Chief Secretary and Director General of Police, in the run-up to the Assembly elections, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has now turned its focus inward. In a move that has drawn attention, the Commission on Monday transferred four officials from its Kolkata office. The action includes the transfer of the Deputy Chief Electoral Officer (CEO).

The transferred officials include Deputy Chief Electoral Officer Subrata Pal, Additional Secretaries Narendranath Dutta and Supriya Das, and Joint Secretary Mithu Sarkar. All four officers belong to the West Bengal Civil Service (Executive) cadre. The move comes amid allegations of partisanship in the election process.

According to sources, the decision was taken following a proposal by State CEO Manoj Agarwal. The ECI directed immediate implementation of the transfers on Monday afternoon. No further details have been made available so far. The department has maintained strict silence on the issue, with no formal clarification or even informal, off-the-record explanations being offered.

The lack of information has left room for speculation, but political parties have so far refrained from reacting. Sources indicate they are verifying the details before making any public statements.

TMC supporters stage protest, security tightened

Amid mounting tensions, supporters of the ruling party staged protests on Monday evening outside the newly relocated CEO's office at the Shipping Corporation building on Strand Road. Anticipating unrest, the Central paramiliatary forces and the Kolkata Police deployed heavy security in and around the protest site.

The development comes in the backdrop of a series of administrative reshuffles initiated by the Commission ahead of the Assembly elections in the state, as it seeks to ensure neutrality in the electoral process.

The action follows a petition filed in the Calcutta High Court by Trinamool Congress MP and lawyer Kalyan Banerjee, who challenged the Commission's earlier decision to transfer around 267 state government officials. These included officers-in-charge of 173 police stations—among them Bhabanipur in Kolkata—and block development officers (BDOs) serving as returning officers across 83 blocks. The transfers were ordered on Sunday evening over alleged bias in the poll process.

The latest reshuffle has triggered controversy just 23 days before the first phase of polling. Elections for all 294 Assembly constituencies in West Bengal are scheduled for April 23 and April 29. Sources in the CEO's office noted that Subrata Pal had been serving as Deputy CEO since 2018, prior to the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has sharply criticised the ECI and the opposition BJP, accusing them of targetting state officials. She alleged that the removal of key bureaucrats, including former Chief Secretary Nandini Chakravorty, was "anti-women" and "anti-Bengali."

Banerjee further claimed that the Commission's decisions were influenced by the BJP. "You have removed my officers and put those of BJP's choice on duty," she said during a recent public address.

The Chief Minister also alleged that administrative authority had been effectively "snatched" from her government due to repeated transfers of officials during the polls.

Amid mounting tensions, supporters of the ruling party staged protests on Monday evening outside the newly relocated CEO's office at the Shipping Corporation building on Strand Road. Senior party leaders, including Abhishek Banerjee and Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya, were expected to participate in the protest.

'MLA next door': 35 years on, can Kurmi family hold Assam fort this time too?

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Jorhat

Beyond being present, I have also helped these families. I am confident of becoming an MLA for the sixth time in a row

Rupjyoti Kurmi, Assam BJP MLA

Switched from Cong to BJP

Rupjyoti was re-elected as a Congress candidate in 2011, 2016, and 2021. A month after his 2021 win, he joined the BJP and later won the by-poll. Kurmi now faces Raijor Dal's Gyanashree Bora (34), of the Opposition.

FOR Assam BJP MLA Rupjyoti Kurmi (48), his strength lies in standing by his people, rain or shine. How much he has achieved in developing his Mariani constituency on the Nagaland border in Jorhat district may be debated, but his accessibility is widely acknowledged.

Whether invited to a wedding or called during a bereavement, he shows up most of the time. He is often seen at cremation grounds with grieving families, working with villagers to repair roads, or carrying relief materials during disasters.

The Kurmi family has held the Mariani seat for nearly 35 years. Rupjyoti's mother, Rupam Kurmi, served as a Congress MLA for 13 years and was a cabinet minister in Tarun Gogoi's first government before her death in 2004.

Her death led to a by-election won by Alok Kumar Ghosh of the Trinamool Congress. In 2006, the Congress fielded Rupjyoti, who defeated Ghosh, then contesting on an NCP ticket.

Rupjyoti was re-elected as a Congress candidate in 2011, 2016, and 2021. A month after his 2021 win, he joined the BJP and later won the by-election. An Adivasi (Tea Tribe) leader, Kurmi now faces Raijor Dal's Gyanashree Bora (34), of the Congress-led six-party Opposition.

He says he has attended the last rites of more than 2,000 people and over 10,000 weddings.

"Beyond being present, I have also helped these families. I am confident of becoming an MLA for the sixth time in a row," he said.

He dismissed his opponent's chances, saying success in politics does not come overnight.

"It's sad her political career may end before it begins. I treat my constituency like a temple and have personally cared for it. You cannot expect success without hard work," he said.

Gyanashree, a PhD, who recently resigned as an assistant lecturer, is campaigning on unresolved local issues. She is highlighting poor roads and a lack of drinking water.

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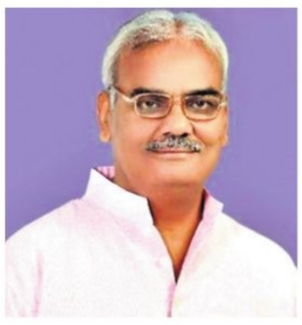
Dilawar's 'cow slaughter' remark sparks buzz

Rajasthan Education Minister Madan Dilawar, who is no stranger to controversies, is back in the headlines with yet another provocative statement. Speaking at the unveiling of a Swami Vivekananda statue in Bundi, Dilawar said that those who slaughter and consume cows "share the stage with us," while those who claim devotion to Lord Ram and the Mother Ganga "stay away", branding such people as "hypocrites". While he did not name anyone, the remark has triggered intense speculation over his intended target. Political chatter is up again, as Dilawar's comment adds to his long list of headline-grabbing statements.



Ex-health minister visits pvt lab after hosp run

Rajasthan's healthcare system is facing fresh questions after former Health Minister Raghu Sharma reportedly had to get an MRI done at a private lab after visiting the state's largest government hospital, SMS, in Jaipur. Sharma had arrived for a routine check-up under the Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS) but was allegedly shuffled between multiple blocks for the scan. Frustrated by the runaround, he opted to step out and pay for the MRI at a private facility. The irony is hard to miss—RGHS was launched during the Congress regime. Now, under CM Bhajan Lal Sharma's government, the incident has sparked fresh political buzz.

Political circles abuzz over Gehlot's remark

A fresh remark by former Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot has set political corridors buzzing. In a sharp—and somewhat loaded—statement, Gehlot advised the CM and ministers to keep not just their sons, but also their "brothers-in-law" away from government affairs. Interestingly, just a day earlier, he had limited his advice to sons. The sudden addition of "brothers-in-law" has triggered intense speculation over who exactly he was hinting at. The gossip mills are now working overtime, with many pointing towards the brother-in-law of a top leader, currently holding the highest office in Rajasthan. This individual has been making headlines in recent months.

Nitish quits as MLC, Nitin as MLA after election to RS

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR'S longest serving chief minister Nitish Kumar and BJP national president Nitin Nabin on Monday resigned from the membership of state legislative council and assembly, respectively, after being elected to the Rajya Sabha. Nitish, however, will continue to be chief minister till formation of a new government.

With Nitish's resignation, political activities in the state have intensified for formation of a new government. Nitish is expected to quit CM's post by April 13, after the end of 'Kharmas' (inauspicious month).

Asked about Nitish's resignation from CM's post, JD(U) minister Vijay Chaudhary said, "It will happen at appropriate time and in accordance with constitutional provisions." Nitish is expected to take oath as a Rajya Sabha member on April 10.

A BJP leader is most probably to replace Nitish, but it would not be so easy for the BJP to do the job. JD (U) has made it clear to BJP that it did not want "Madhya Pradesh or Rajasthan-style experiments" when BJP's central leadership sprang a surprise by elevating relatively lesser-known leaders as CMs, sources said.

Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary, Union minister Nityanand Rai, Bihar industries minister Dilip Jaiswal, cooperative department Pramod Kumar (Chandravanshi) and Digha MLA Sanjeev Chauraisa are considered frontrunners for the CM post. Bihar minister and senior JD (U) leader Shrawan Kumar has also pitched for Nitish's son, Nishant Kumar. Sources said that Nishant may be made deputy CM in the new government.

On Sunday, Nitish Kumar held discussions with his close aides, including JD(U) working president Sanjay Kumar Jha and Union minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, on the structure of the next government. Sources said JD (U) wants to retain all departments presently held by it.

Man beheaded in UP for selling ice-cream loudly

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

In a shocking incident, a man allegedly beheaded an ice-cream seller for calling out loudly in Barabanki district on Sunday, adjacent to Lucknow.

The accused, identified as Shankar Yadav (50) of Parsawal village in the district, has been arrested. Sources say he allegedly slit the victim's throat before beheading him and then carried the severed head to his house before trying to set it afire on a gas stove.

Yadav reportedly objected to the ice-cream seller, identified as Babloo Rajbhar of the same village, selling ice-cream while calling out loudly. He asked Rajbhar not to call out loudly but the latter persisted, leading to a heated argument. The matter escalated as an enraged Yadav brought an axe from his house and severed the ice-cream seller's head in full public view.

Shocked passersby, who witnessed the incident, did not intervene in the incident.

The accused appeared to be mentally unstable, police said, adding that a case had been registered in Barabanki and further probe was under way.

India is now Naxal-free: Shah

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

UNION home minister Amit Shah on Monday announced that the country has become free from Naxalites with their top body and central structure almost completely dismantled. Replying to the debate in the Lok Sabha on 'Efforts to free the country from Left-wing extremism (LWE)', Shah accused the Congress of not taking any action to end the long spell of violence by the Naxals.

The assertion came a day before the deadline he set for the elimination of Naxal violence. Last year, Shah had announced that the LWE would end in the country by March 31, 2026, and a major operation had been organised against the Naxals.

In his 90-minute speech, Shah targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi saying he was seen multiple times in public with sympathisers of Naxals and even posted videos "sympathetic" to the Maoists from his social media handle. "When top Naxal commander Hidma was killed, slogans were raised at India Gate that if one Hidma is killed, Hidma will arise from every house. A video of this was tweeted by Rahul Gandhi," said Shah.

The home minister alleged that former prime minister Indira Gandhi had accepted the support of the Naxals in an election in the 1970s in then undivided Andhra Pradesh and remained "influenced" by the Maoist ideology. "Experts say without the support of those in power, the Red Corridor could not have been created," he said, referring to the region affected by Naxalism across Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Maharashtra, Kerala, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Home minister Amit Shah replying to the debate on Naxalite violence

Issuing a stern warning, Shah said the Modi government will not tolerate violence and won't spare anyone who picks up arms. "The biggest achievement of the Modi government is a Naxal-free India," he said.

Home minister spells out C'garh roadmap

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

ON the eve of the March 31 deadline to wipe out the left-wing extremism (LWE), the ruling BJP affirmed that no armed Maoist presence exists in Chhattisgarh anymore.

State Deputy Chief Minister **Vijay Sharma**, who holds the portfolio of home minister, left for Delhi on Monday evening. While talking to this newspaper, he hailed the strategic success over LWE, citing that around 75% of the country's Maoist strength was concentrated in the state. He reiterated that only the Indian Constitution guarantees the freedom to follow any ideology, but that liberty ends where violence begins.

"Regardless of the setting—urban or rural—no ideology other than the Indian Constitution will be allowed to prevail in this country. Using any doctrine as a pretext for carrying weapons, spreading terror, or engaging in killings is absolutely unacceptable," Sharma asserted.

RTD BRIGADIER HIT BY STRAY BULLET DURING DEHRADUN ROAD RAGE DIES

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

A retired Army Brigadier on a morning walk died after being caught in the crossfire of a violent road rage incident in Dehradun on Monday morning.

The road rage incident began around 6.50 am on Mussoorie Road, when a Delhi-registered Toyota Fortuner overtook a Mahindra Scorpio N. Angered by the manoeuvre, the driver of the Scorpio N began chasing the Fortuner.

In an attempt to force it to stop, the occupants of Scorpio N opened fire, targeting the Toyota SUV's wheels. Those in the Fortuner were also armed and retaliated.

Brigadier (Retd) Mukesh Joshi, 74, was on his routine morning walk in the area at the time, and was hit by a stray bullet. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died during treatment.

During the incident, the driver of the Fortuner lost control of the vehicle and crashed it into a tree. The occupants of the Scorpio N then assaulted the two passengers inside the Fortuner and vandalised the vehicle before fleeing. "We have launched a massive manhunt to trace the assailants. Police teams are scouring CCTV footage and have set up barricades across the district to catch the suspects. We will ensure they are arrested soon," Dehradun Senior Superintendent of Police Parmendra Dobhal said.

The officer's death sparked public outrage with demands being made for swift justice and stricter enforcement of traffic laws. "He was a distinguished officer who served the nation, only to lose his life to the lawlessness of armed thugs on our streets," Anita Shastri, a resident of nearby Johdi village, said.

Officials at the spot where a retired Army brigadier was killed amid a road rage incident in Dehradun; inset Brigadier (Retd) Mukesh Joshi | PTI

Pix of pink-painted elephant draws animal rights activists' flak in Jaipur

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A creative photoshoot by a Russian photographer in Jaipur has triggered controversy after images of a pink-painted elephant surfaced on social media. The shoot, conducted by photographer Julia Buruleva, has drawn criticism from animal rights activists and locals, with many alleging exploitation.

Buruleva said her stay in Jaipur inspired the concept. She said the city's pink hue left a lasting impression, leading to the idea of featuring a pink elephant alongside model Yashasvi against a heritage backdrop. Calling elephants a key symbol of Rajasthan, she said their inclusion felt essential.

However, the visuals sparked backlash online. While some users appreciated the artistic appeal, many raised concerns about the elephant's treatment. Critics argued that using animals for aesthetic purposes is unethical and may cause distress regardless of intent. Several users noted that an elephant's skin is sensitive and that painting it is harmful. One user questioned why, in an age of advanced AI, a real animal was needed for such imagery.

'Elephant not harmed'

Shadik Khan, the elephant's owner, said the animal, Chanchal, was 65 years old and no longer used for rides. He said only 'kaccha gulal' was applied and washed off. He added that Chanchal died in February and said that no harm was caused.

Responding to the criticism, Buruleva said the paint used was organic and similar to colours traditionally applied during festivals.

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Wildlife experts said organic paint, along with exposure to lights and props, can negatively affect an animal's physical and mental well-being.

Forest department officials have initiated an inquiry to assess permissions and compliance with animal welfare norms, while activists have demanded strict action.

13 killed
as gunmen attack pre-wedding party in Nigeria's Kaduna state

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

HAIFA REFINERY HIT IN ISRAEL AS WAR DRAGS ON

Authorities said fuel tank with 3,000 cubic metres of gasoline is burning; fuel is pumped out

HAIFA

ISRAEL's fire and rescue service said its crews were working to extinguish a large blaze at the Haifa oil refinery after it was hit by debris from the interception of a projectile on Monday.

Television channels showed thick black smoke billowing into the sky from the site, while the fire service shared photos of a tank on fire. "The incident involves a fire at a tank containing 3,000 cubic metres of gasoline," the service said, adding that the gasoline was being pumped out of the tank.

Firefighters were operating at the scene "where debris from an interception was identified following the latest barrage", the service said, adding there were no casualties. The incident occurred shortly after the Israeli military said it had detected new incoming missiles from Iran.

It was not immediately clear whether the refinery had been hit by debris from a missile from Iran or Lebanon or from an intercepting Israeli projectile. Footage acquired by AFP, filmed shortly after the impact, showed a plume of dark smoke rising above cylindrical tanks.

Firefighters attempt to extinguish a fire following a projectile impact on a refinery in Israel's northern city of Haifa | AFP

AFP journalists who arrived at the scene around an hour later said the smoke had dissipated and firefighters were working to manage the fire.

The refinery in Haifa, Israel's third-largest city, is located in a large industrial zone.

Israel's military had earlier said "search and rescue forces, both reserve and regular forces, are on their way to a site in northern Israel where reports of impact have been received", without specifying the precise location. Israeli media said the site was also hit on March 19 when Iran fired missiles towards Israel. *AFP/AP*

Iran defies Lebanon expulsion

Iran on Monday defied Lebanon's expulsion order for its ambassador by saying he would stay, further increasing tensions in a country in the crosshairs of the latest fighting between the Iranian-backed Hezbollah and Israel. Lebanon had declared Ambassador Mohammad Reza Shibani "persona non grata" in an effort to weaken Iran's diplomatic presence and have a charge d'affairs at its embassy instead. But the deadline to leave the country was Sunday. "Our embassy in Lebanon is active," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmail Baghaei told journalists. "Our ambassador, following remarks made by relevant Lebanese bodies and the conclusions reached, will continue his mission in Beirut and he is still there." Lebanese officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment. It was not clear what Lebanon would might do next or how diplomatic relations might be affected. The Iranian ambassador is reportedly in the embassy, where he is believed to have diplomatic immunity.

G7 VOWS ACTION FOR ENERGY STABILITY

Paris: G7 economy and finance ministers on Monday said they were ready to take "all necessary measures" to stabilise energy markets amid the fallout of the West Asia war. Strikes by the US and Israel on Iran and Tehran's retaliation have disrupted Gulf oil flows, pushing up prices and affecting global supply chains. In a joint statement, ministers stressed coordinated action to safeguard economic stability and urged countries not to impose export curbs on hydrocarbons. They said they were closely monitoring risks to growth and markets, as governments roll out targeted support measures to cushion rising energy costs and inflation.

ISRAEL HITS TEHRAN UNIV; IRAN NAVY CHIEF DEAD

TEHRAN: Israel's military said it struck Imam Hossein University in Tehran, run by Iran's Revolutionary Guards, alleging it was used for advanced weapons research. The IDF said multiple strikes hit military infrastructure within the campus, including wind tunnels, a chemistry centre and engineering facilities linked to weapons development. The university is considered a key IRGC academic and military hub and has been visited by senior Iranian leaders. Meanwhile, Iran confirmed the death of naval commander Alireza Tangsiri, who succumbed to injuries after an earlier Israeli strike. The Guards hailed his role in securing the Strait of Hormuz and warned of retaliation, signalling possible escalation and further regional instability in the coming days, raising fears of a broader regional conflict.

Russia to maintain energy flow to Cuba despite US pressure

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will continue to supply energy resources to Havana, the Kremlin said on Monday, as a Russian tanker carrying the first consignment of 773 thousand barrels of oil reached a Cuban port.

"We will continue working. In the desperate situation the Cubans now find themselves, we cannot remain indifferent. Therefore, we will continue working on this issue," the Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters. The official news agency TASS noted that the energy situation in Havana has worsened following the US-led military operation in Venezuela on January 3, which resulted in the capture of President Nicolas Maduro. On January 29, the US President signed an executive order authorising Washington to impose punitive tariffs on goods from countries that supply oil to Cuba.

It was previously reported that the US does not object to periodic oil shipments to Cuba by Russia and other countries for humanitarian reasons. Despite the de facto US fuel blockade of the island, the US Coast Guard's two patrol boats in the region did not attempt to intercept the Russian tanker, the non-government Interfax agency reported. According to some reports circulating on social media, Anatoly Kolodkin, on the list of Russia's sanctioned "shadow fleet", was escorted at various stages of sailing through the English Channel and Atlantic by a naval frigate and a submarine in accordance with the government decision. *AFP*

Israel pulls battalion over attack on CNN

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's military said Monday it had pulled a battalion out of the West Bank after a soldier assaulted a *CNN* photojournalist last week in a village in the occupied Palestinian territory. A CNN team was reporting on the aftermath of an assault by Israeli settlers and the establishment of an illegal outpost near the Palestinian village of Tayasir on Thursday when they were detained by Israeli soldiers, the Foreign Press Association said in a statement. After the soldiers pointed their guns at the CNN crew, "an IDF soldier approached CNN's photojournalist from behind, placed him in a chokehold, slammed him to the ground, and damaged his camera", said the association, which represents hundreds of journalists in Israel and the Palestinian territories. CNN corroborated the details in its own report on the incident, identifying the photojournalist as Frenchman Cyril Theophilos. "This was not a misunderstanding... It was a violent assault on clearly identified journalists and a direct attack on press freedom," the FPA said.

WESTERN RAILWAY
CORRIGENDUM
E-Procurement Amendment Date: 27.03.2026 to **Tender Notice No. TRACK MACHINES-TIMS dated 13-02-2026. Tender No. (E-Office File No.): W641-22-23-06C (E-434312).** Wherein **date & time of tender closing to be read as 17.04.2026** instead of 31.03.2026. **All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.** 1277
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The application form with instructions is available on the University website **www.efluniversity.ac.in**
Sd/-
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E-Tender Notice No.: SWR-CEE-P-ORH-SBC
Dated : 23-03-2026
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following work

Name of work	Approx. Value
Repairs/Modifications to existing Officers Rest House of CEE /Project/South Western Railway near MDDTI/Bengaluru including construction of Lift Facility at Bengaluru City with maintenance period of 36 months.	Rs. 1,00,88,672.72

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IN THE COURT OF DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE AT DODDABALLAPUR, BANGALORE RURAL.
P and Sc No. 10008/2026
BETWEEN : 1. Sri GIRISHA K, S/o Kariyappa, Aged about 41 years, Shravanur, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk.
2. Sri. KARIYAPPA S/o Gangappa, Aged about 67 years, Shravanur, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapur Taluk. ...PETITIONERS
AND : NILL ...RESPONDENT
PUBLIC NOTICE
In the matter of the last Will and Testament dated 15.10.1997 executed by late Smt. Narasamma, wife of late Lakshmaiah, who died on 15.02.2002, ordinarily residing at Shravanur, and in respect of the petition schedule properties situated at Shravanur Village, Doddaballapur Taluk, Doddabelavangala Hobli.
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner No. 1 and Petitioner No.2 have filed the above Probate / Letters of Administration petition under Section 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, seeking grant of Probate / Letters of Administration with Will annexed.
Interested parties are hereby warned to appear in this court in person / persons or by pleader duly instructed **on 6.6.2026 at 11'0 clock** to show cause against the petitioner, failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.
SCHEDULE
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the Agriculture property bearing Sy.No. 89 to an Extent of 25 guntas situated in Shravanur Village, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
East : Reaming property of Sy.No. 89, West : Government Sites, North : Properties of Gangaiah and Neelakanataiah, South : Government Road.
SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the House Property bearing in Sy.No. 89 situated in Shravanur Village situated in village, Doddaballapur Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.
East : Schedule "A" property bequeathed to Girisha (Petitioner No. 1), West : Janatha sites, North : Properties of Gangaiah and Neelakanataiah, South by : Government Road.
Given under my hand seal of the Court on this the 27th day of March 2026.
By order of the Court, Cheif Ministerial Officer, IV Addl. District & Sessions Court, at Doddaballapura
Advocate for Petitioners

Can Fin Homes Ltd
K R Puram Branch
No. 414, Pooja Complex,Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore – 560039,
Tel No. 080-25619333/ 7625079185,
Email Id: krpuram@canfinhomes.com
CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[provison to rule 8(6)]
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provison to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice Is Hereby Given To The Public In General And In Particular To The Borrower (S) And Guarantor (S) That The Below Described Immovable Property Mortgaged/Charged To The Secured Creditor, The Physical Possession Of Which Has Been Taken By The Authorised Officer Of Can Fin Homes Ltd., K R Puram Branch, Will Be Sold By Holding E-auction On "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", And "Whatever There Is" On **05-05-2026,** For Recovery Of **Rs. 57,87,068/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand And Sixty Eight Only) Due To Can Fin Homes Ltd. From **Mr. Kumar H S And Mrs. Kalavathi C S** (borrowers), As On 31-03-2026, Together With Further Interest And Other Charges Thereon.
The Reserve Price Will Be **Rs. 37,80,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only) And The Earnest Money Deposit Will Be **Rs.3,78,000/-** (Rupees Three Lakhs Seventyeight Thousand Only)
DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No. 199, Old Khata No. 59/199, PID No. 150300400300921599, Hoskote Planning Authority Vide Order No. HPA/LAO/35/2014-15, Dated 07.09.2015 Called As Vrunda City Layout, Situated at Bagalur Village, Sulibele Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562149, Measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet totally Measuring 1200 Sq Ft and bounded on The: East : Site No 198, West : Site No 184,North : 30 Feet Road, South : Site No 200
Encumbrances : Nil
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx). Link for participating in e-auction : www.bankeauctionwizard.com
Date: 30.03.2026 Sd/-
Place : K. R. Puram **Authorised Officer** Can Fin Homes Ltd.

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)
Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IIFL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-H FL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) mad with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower dears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs. charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. Lakshmi Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Vegetable Shop Mr. Muniraju Narasimha, **Prospect No. IL10909423**	All that piece and parcel of Site No 29, Formed In Sy No 42,43 & 45, Khata No 42,43 & 45, Situated At Garvebhavi Palya Village, Bandepalya Begur Hobli, Banglore South Tq, Karnataka 560068. Area Admeasuring (IN SQ. FT.): Property Type: Area_ Admeasuring. Property Area: 800, **Bounded By: North:** Muniyappa House, **South:** Narayanappa House, **East:** Road, **West:** Rathnamma House	**Rs.1640768.22/-** (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight and Twenty Two Paise Only)	05/01/ 2026	27/03/ 2026

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. **or Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-IV Gurgaon, Haryana.
Place : Hobli, Karnataka | Date : 31.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

IN THE COURT OF THE XV ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
P & SC No. 87/2026 (CCH- 03)
PETITIONERS: 1. Mrs. Nancy Nivedha Baby. D, W/o. Late. Stephen K.S, aged about 28 years, **2. Senorita twinkel. S,** D/o. Late Stephen K.S, aged about 6 years, Represented by her Natural Guardian, Yeshwanthapur, Ms.Nancy Nivedha Baby .D - Mother, W/o. Late Stephen K.S, Both Petitioner No. 1 and 2 are residing at: Flat No. T1, Govianu Ace Grande, Narasimha Layout, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru- 560 022.
-V/s-
RESPONDENT: Shadrach. A, S/o. late. Aruldass, aged about 69 years, Residing at: Flat G. Govianu Ace Grand Apartment, Digital park Road, Narasimha Layout, Bengaluru-560 022.
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT
Take notice that the petitioners above named had filed the above case against you the above named respondent seeking for an order of grant of Succession Certificate to succeed the estates of her deceased husband **Late. Stephen K.S.** who died on 10/02/2023, through her Advocate. V. Chandrakanthan, Bengaluru. The petitioner No.2 is the daughter of the petitioner No.1. You the respondent is the father-in-law of the petitioner No.1 and the father of the deceased Stephen K. S. The case is further posted on **21/04/2026** before the City Civil Court Hall (CCH-03), Bengaluru, for filing the objections of you, the respondent. You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court on **21/04/2026** before **11.00 A.M.** in the Court Hall (CCH-03), Bengaluru, through yourself (or) through a pleader or through an Advocate and file your objections if, any and contest the same failing in which the matter will be treated as exparte and will be decided in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Debts (Loan Due Amount) due a sum of Rs.76,60,967/- (Rupees Seventy-six lakhs sixty-thousand and nine hundred sixty-seven only), payable by the petitioner No.1 to the Anandrathi Global finance for the purchased property.
Note: To declare that the petitioner No.1 is the legally wedded wife of late Stephen K.S, S/o. Shadrach . A.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 28/03/2026
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru
V. Chandrakanthan, Advocate
No. 13, 4th Cross, New Korchipalya, Shivaji Road Cross, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru 560 051. Mob.No. 9845920404.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE OF HOSUR
O.S.No: 533 / 2025
PLAINTIFF:
Canara Bank, Hosur Branch, represented by its Present Branch Manager,
Mr.B. RAJASEKHAR S/o. Balajipalli Satyarao
/ Versus /
DEFENDANTS:
3.Mrs.SHEELA,
D/o.Late.Reddiyappa Reddy,
4.Mrs. KALA, D/o.late.Reddiyappa Reddy, Defendant Nos.3 and 4:- both are residing
at Door No.49/A, 7th Main, 15th Cross, Lakkasandra, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560. 030, Karnataka State.
NOTICE
The above Plaintiffs filed a suit for Recovery of Money and other reliefs against the defendants. The suit is posted on 27-04-2026 for appearance of defendant no.3 namely Mrs. Sheela and defendant no.4 namely Mrs. Kala, hereby directed to appear in person or through pleader on 27-04-2026 at 10.30 A.M. before the above said court failing which the above suit will be decided exparte in your absence.
// BY COURT ORDER//
N. MANJUNATH, B.A.L., LL.B., ADVOCATE
M.S.No: 206 (A) /2008
#1, Venus Arcade, 1st Floor, Telephone Exchange Road, Near Court Campus, HOSUR - 635 109
Cell: 97904 66837

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30.03.2026 **Sd/-, MD, C-apt**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my clients **MRS. C SAVITHRAMMA** (W/o Mr. N. Veerabhadrappa ,aged about 71 years) and MR. V. SUBRAMANYA (Aged about 46 years, S/o Mr. N. Veerabhadrappa) both residing at Villa No. 50, Royal Sunnyvale, Kammasandra Agrahara, Post Anekal, District Bangalore Karnataka-562106 , have terminated and cancelled the Agreement of Sale dated 22.12.2025 executed by my clients in favour of Mr. Naveed Ahmed (Purchaser) vide Legal Notice dated 27.03.20226, in respect of the immovable property described as under:
SCHEDULE
All that part and parcel of katah No.1136/ 585, situated at Gramathana Kavalbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Now assigned as Muncipal No.27, PID no. 95-110-27, situated at 4th Cross MM layout, Kavalbyrasandra, Bangalore. MEASURING: East to West: 40 feet, and North to South: 30 feet, in all total area Measuring 1200 Sq.ft. Together R.C.C Roofed House Built thereon in ground, first & Second floor, and Provided with electricity meter & water meter facility, only along with all the rights, liberties, appurtenances, etc., whether underneath or above the surface.
East :: House List No.590,
West :: Road,
North :: House List No584,
South :: House List No586,
The said Agreement of Sale stands terminated and cancelled with effect from 22.03.2026 due to efflux of time on account of failure to pay the balance consideration. The public at large is hereby informed and cautioned that neither Mr. Naveed Ahmed nor any person claiming through or under them has any right, title, interest, or claim whatsoever in the above-mentioned property pursuant to the cancelled Agreement of Sale dated 22.12.2025.
Any person dealing with the said property or the cancelled Agreement of Sale on the basis of the said Agreement or claiming any right thereunder shall do so at their own risk and responsibility. My clients shall not be responsible or liable for any such dealings or transactions. Any person having any objection, claim, right, title, or interest in the said property or the Agreement of Sale is hereby called upon to submit the same in writing to the undersigned within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, along with supporting documents, failing which it shall be presumed that no such claim exists and my clients shall proceed further in accordance with law
This notice is issued without prejudice to the rights and remedies available to my clients under law.
Hiran Krishnaswamy, B.Com, LLM, ACA, CFE(USA). Advocate,
D5 & D6, Devatha Plaza, Residency Road, Bangalore – 560 025. Mob.:- +91-702-286-7849

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CIN : L65190MH2004GOI148838
POSSESSION NOTICE [Under Rule 8(1)]
Whereas, The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **IDBI Bank Limited** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice calling upon the Borrowers/Mortgagors/Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/ Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers / Guarantors and the public in general, that the undersigned has **taken possession of the property** described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of Said Act read with rules 8 & 9 of the said rules on mentioned dates.
The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the IDBI Bank for an below mentioned amount and interest thereon.
Loan A/c No.: HL A/C NO- 0202675100135269, LIP A/C NO-0202675100137225, HL A/C No 0693675100035510, LIP A/C NO-0693675100035556
1. Name of the Borrower & Guarantor: Mr Gurubasaiah Hiremath and Mrs Vidya G Hiremath
Demand Notice Date: 30.12.2025 **Possession Notice Date:26.03.2026**
Outstanding Amount: Rs.1,92,41,797.66 (Rupees One Crore Ninety Two Lakh Fourty One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Seven and Paisa Sixty Six Only) as on 08/11/2025 + Applicable interest and charges thereon less deposits made further.
DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY: Property No 1 : 'A' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartments building named "J.J ELITA" in property bearing Site No.602 Municipal No.44/1, 44/2, 44/3 and 44/4 Old Sy. No.44 then Resurvey No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3 and 44/4 and duly converted vide conversion order No. BDS/ALN/SR(S)254/2004-05, 252/2004-05 dated 27.08.2004, ALN/(BS)/SR-33/10-II, 32/10-11 dated 22.07.2010 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore for Non-Agriculture Residential purpose present, Property situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Ward No.193 Bangalore. Measuring totally 26,136.00 Sqft. Or 24.00 Guntas and bounded on the; East by : Nayanapanahalli Main Road, West by : Private Property, South by : Nayanapanahalli Hulimavu Road, North by : Private Property. In all totally having an area of 26,136.00 square feet together with Basement Floor, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor, Third Floor and Fourth Floor Apartments Building thereon.
'B' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : 450 sft Undivided share of right, title and interest in land comprised in A Schedule property un divided by feet and bounds would be to 475.2 square feet out of Land Measuring 26,136.00 square Feet.
'C' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : Apartment/Flat No.001 in the GROUND FLOOR of the building having 1978.00 sq.ft., of Super Built up area on 'A' Schedule Property Consisting of One Living, One Dining Hall, One Kitchen with utility. Four Bedrooms, Four Toilets (Three Attached Toilets) and (one common toilet) which includes undivided share in common areas, passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with One Covered Car Parking Space in Basement Floor of the "A' Schedule Property, East by : open to sky, West by : Flat No,002, North by : open to sky, South by : Flat No.011, together with all and singular the structures and erections thereon, both present and future.
Property No 2 : 'A' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartments building named "J.J ELITA" in property bearing Site No.602 Municipal No.44/1, 44/2, 44/3 and 44/4 Old Sy. No.44 then Resurvey No. 44/1, 44/2, 44/3 and 44/4 and duly converted vide conversion order No. BDS/ALN/SR(S)254/2004-05, 252/2004-05 dated 27.08.2004, ALN/(BS)/SR-33/10-II, 32/10-11 dated 22.07.2010 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore for Non-Agriculture Residential purpose present, Property situated at Nyanappanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike Ward No.193 Bangalore. Measuring totally 26,136.00 Sqft. Or 24.00 Guntas and bounded on the; East by : Nayanapanahalli Main Road, West by : Private Property, South by : Nayanapanahalli- Hulimavu Road, North by : Private Property. In all totally having an area of 26,136.00 square feet together with Basement Floor, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor, Third Floor and Fourth Floor Apartments Building thereon.
'B' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : 450 sft Undivided share of right, title and interest in land comprised in A Schedule property un divided by feet and bounds would be to 475.2 square feet out of Land Measuring 26,136.00 square Feet.
'C' SCHEDULE PROPERTY : Apartment/Flat No.101 in the FIRST FLOOR of the building having 1978.00 sq.ft., of Super Built up area on 'A' Schedule Property Consisting of One Living, One Dining Hall, One Kitchen with utility. Four Bedrooms, Four Toilets (Three Attached Toilets) and (one common toilet) which includes undivided share in common areas, passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with One Covered Car Parking Space in Basement Floor of the "A' Schedule Property, East by : open to sky, West by : Flat No,002, North by : open to sky, South by : Flat No.011.
Date :26.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **IDBI Bank Limited**

YES BANK Yes Bank Limited
First Floor, Brindavan Building, Raja Ram Mohan Rao Road, Sampangi Ram Nagar, Bangalore-560025
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Yes Bank Ltd. i.e. Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **31st March 2026** for recovery of **Rs.20,72.913.66/-(Twenty lakh seventy two thousand nine hundred thirteen rupees and sixty six paisa only.)** as on **24-May-2024** subject to further interest and charges at contracted rate, due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr.Anup Das, (Applicant) and Mrs. Priyanka Dalui,(Co-Applicant) in loan account No: AFH002200330518.**
The reserve price is Rs.2745000/- and the earnest money deposit is Rs.274500/-
Description of property : Schedule A: All that piece and parcel of immoveable residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.151/1 measuring 1 Acre 11 guntas and Sy.No.152/1 measuring 29 guntas totally measuring 2Acres (87, 120 Sqft) Situated at Madivala Village Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District -562106 and bounded as follows: On the East: By remaining Property of Sri.C. Gopal Reddy & Private Property, On the West : By Suraj Devi Sipani Property 151/3 & 152/3, On the North: By Upkar Layout & it connecting Road and., On the South : By Road **Item No.2** All that piece and parcel of immoveable residentially converted property bearing Sy.No.149/2, 150/2,151/3 and 152/3 situated at Madivala (Bandapura)Village, Marsur Psot Kasaba Holbli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District -562106 and bounded as follows On the East: By remaining Property of Sri. C Gopal Reddy & Private Property On the West : By Sipani Property Pvt.Ltd., Property Survey No.149/1 & 150/1. On the North: By Upkar Layout & it connecting Road and., On the South : By Road **Schedule B:** West facing Apartment No.605 on the Sixth floor of Block "D" of the residential apartment complex known as "Sipani Bliss-II constructed upon Schedule A property Item No.1 having measuring 50.63 Square Mtrs Carpet area(545 square Feet) and 71.53 Square Mtrs(770 Sqft feet)of Super built up area consisting of Two bed rooms, hall, Kitchen, Balconies and toilets along with proportionate 26.03 square Mtrs (280.22 square feet) of undivided share title and interest in the land comprised in schedule A property Item No.1 and proportionate interest in the common areas such as passages, lobbies, lift Staircases, club house, Swimming pool and of Gymnasium and other common Amenities & facilities mentioned in the Annexure. PID No.150200101800622300.
Altogether making a total extent property bearing Sy.No.151/1 measuring 1 Acre 11 guntas and Sy.No.152/1 measuring 29 guntas totally measuring 2Acres of lands. **Item – 3** Total: Sy.No.151/1 measuring 1 Acre 11 guntas and Sy.No.152/1 measuring 29 guntas totally measuring 2Acres.
The above said plot is located in Madivala Village Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District -562106.
Date and time of e-auction: 29th April-2026; 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with extensions of 5 minutes.
Last date for submission of bid: 28th April 2026 till 3 PM.
Date of inspection of property: 27th April 2026 ; 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property** Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.yesbank.in.**
In case of any difficulty in obtaining Tender Documents/ e-bidding catalogue or Inspection of the Immovable Properties / Secured Assets and for Queries, Please Contact Concerned Officials of YES BANK LTD Raghu Prasad : Email Id: kraghu.prasad@yesbank.in and Ph: 9923002312 and Sharath Kumar P on 919148937885 on sharathkumar.p@yesbank.in and neelkanth.naidu@yes.bank.in Ph: +919000024413 Officials of **M/s E-Procurement Technologies Limited, Ahmedabad, Contact Person - Ram Sharma, Bidder Support Numbers : 9978591888, 9265562821 -079 61200594/ 598/ 568/ 587/ 538. Email: support@auctiontiger.net, ramprasad@auctiontiger.net, Website For SARFAESI - https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net**
As contemplated U/s.13(8) of the Act, in case our dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by us are tendered at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by us, and no further step shall be taken by us for transfer or sale of that secured asset.
SALE NOTICE TO BORROWER/GAURANTORS
The above shall be treated as Notice U/r. 9(1) read with 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, to the Obligants to pay the same within 15 days from the date of publication. The sale notice and detailed terms and conditions of the auction is published in **New Indian Express and Kannada Prabha on 31st March 2026** and also published in https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net (online Auction website) for participating in online auction and please refer to the link https://www.yesbank.in/about-us/media/auction-property provided in website of YES Bank Ltd. i.e. **www.yesbank.in.** No further notice shall be henceforth given to you.
Date: 31st March 2026 , Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized officer, For YES BANK Limited**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is informed that, the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka has issued Environment Clearance – **M/s. Lodha Developers Limited** (Formerly Known as Macrotech Developers Limited) for "Proposed Construction of Residential Apartment and Hospital Project" at Sy. Nos. 3/1, 4, 7/1 of Tarabanahalli Village and Sy. Nos. 45/1, 45/2, 46, 47/1, 47/2, 47/3, 47/4, 49/1, 49/2, 49/3, 50/1, 50/2, 51/1, 51/2, 52/1, 52/2, 52/3, 52/4, 52/6, 53, 54/1, 54/2, 54/3, 54/4, 55/2, 57/1, 57/5, 58/1, 58/2, 58/3, 58/4, 59/1, 59/2, 59/3, 59/4, 60/1, 60/2, 60/3, 60/4, 61, 62, 76/1, 76/2, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 78/1, 78/2, 78/3, 78/4, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 81/1, 82, 84, 86 of Navarathna Agrahara Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore vide order bearing EC Identification No. EC26B3812KA5944224N File No. SEIAA 205 CON 2025, dated 26.03.2026. The copy of this order can be viewed on Parivesh portal https://parivesh.nic.in/
This public notice is to comply with the above Environment Clearance order conditions.
M/s. Lodha Developers Limited,
(Formerly known as Macrotech Developers Limited)
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₹ breaches 95, closes at new low of 94.83

- INR fails to hold on to the level it gained in morning trade as fall in equity market, Iran war remain major pain points
- Monday's closing low was the steepest fall since the one seen in fiscal 2010-11

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DESPITE a rally of 128 paise in morning trade following the RBI action of capping the net open positions for banks at $100 million, the rupee on Monday hit the all-time low of 95.20 in the second half of the trade, closing at a new low of 94.83.

Monday's closing low was the steepest fall since the one seen in fiscal 2010-11, traders said the rupee failed to hold on to the level it gained in the morning trade following the RBI's measure as the fall in domestic equity market and tension in West Asia remained the major pain points for the domestic currency.

The Reserve Bank late Friday night brought down the net open position that banks can keep overnight at $100 million. However, signalling its structural weakness, the rupee could not hold on to the morning rally and by afternoon it gave up all the gains and closed at a new low of 94.83 as against 94.81 last Friday.

With the new closing low, the rupee has lost more than 10.5% this fiscal. A trader said the rupee could not hold onto the morning gains as large corporates began to engage in arbitrage trades between the onshore spot market and non-deliverable forwards. The space for such trades was opened up by the central bank's tightening of banks' forex positions on Friday.

The rupee is on course to log its steepest fiscal year drop since 2011-12 as the Iran war has raised risks of inflation and growth outlook, adding to the strain from global trade frictions, geopolitical flare-ups and persistent capital outflows.

Worries over elevated oil prices have put domestic stocks on course for their worst monthly drop since March 2020 and bonds witnessed their worst fiscal year since 2023. The 10-year 2035 bond yield hit a high of 7.0121%, the highest for a 10-year paper since July 5, 2024, up from the previous session's close of 6.9419%..

> Compared to other emerging economies, the rupee is doing fine (theek chal raha hai)... Absolutely going fine. Govt, RBI keeping close watch
>
> Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister

Another pain point is a strong dollar with the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.06% lower at 100.09. The rupee has depreciated 4.4% in March alone. Last week alone the rupee lost 1%, its fourth consecutive weekly decline of a similar magnitude, to hit a record low of 94.84 against the dollar close at 94.81. Forex traders are bracing for another volatile week.

Market ends FY26 on weak note; Sensex, Nifty decline another 2%

HIGHER INFLATION MAY IMPACT MKT SENTIMENT

Higher crude oil prices for an import-dependent nation such as India are likely to translate into higher inflation in the coming months, exerting pressure on currency stability and corporate margins, thereby impacting overall equity market sentiment.

FIIs OFFLOAD RECORD ₹118,093 CR IN MARCH

The relentless selling by foreign institutional investors have also contributed to weakening of rupee and equities. FIIs were net sellers on all trading days in March, taking total selling through exchanges in March through to a record ₹118,093 crore.

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity markets ended sharply lower on Monday (March 30), the final trading session of the financial year 2026. BSE Sensex declined 1,635.67 points (2.22%) to 71,947.55, while the NSE Nifty 50 closed 488.20 points (2.14%) lower at 22,331.40.

The sharp sell-off in the past month, triggered by the ongoing conflict in West Asia and foreign capital outflow have pushed the benchmarks near their 52-week lows and turned the annual return negative for the full financial year 2025-26. The Nifty50 dropped roughly 5% in the fiscal year while the BSE Sensex declined by 7% for the fiscal. In the past one month, since when the war escalated in West Asia, the indices declined 11-12% while from 52-week highs, the fall is in the range of 15-16%.

"Escalating tensions in West Asia continued to weigh heavily on markets, as the ongoing US–Israel conflict with Iran entered its fifth week and expanded across the region. Fresh attacks, including disruptions around key shipping routes near the Arabian Peninsula and the Red Sea, have intensified concerns over global energy supply, keeping investor risk appetite subdued," said Siddhartha Khemka - Head of Research, Wealth Management, Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Khemka added that the move in bond yields towards the 7% mark, the rupee weakening past 95 against the US dollar, and rising crude oil prices emerged as key drivers of the risk-off sentiment, reflecting tightening financial conditions and weighing on market performance.

Brent crude rose sharply at about $115 per barrel on Monday, up more than 60% in a month, as fears of prolonged supply disruptions from the ongoing West Asia conflict intensified. Higher oil prices to translate into higher inflation in the coming months.

WEST ASIA TENSION

India diversifies fertiliser sourcing beyond Gulf

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

As the fertiliser supply was impacted in the country due to the choking of the Strait of Hormuz, the government on Monday said it is diversifying its sourcing base beyond the Gulf countries.

Aparna S Sharma, joint secretary, Department of Fertilisers, said fertiliser is being sourced from other nations such as Russia, Morocco, Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Jordan, Canada, Algeria, Egypt, and Togo, among others. However, the government urged the industry to use alternate fertilisers like Ammonium Sulphate (AS), TSP, SSP, FOM/LFOM and NANOs. Despite the curtailment in supply, the government said stocks are in a healthy position as of now and there is no major requirement for fertilisers in the upcoming 2.5 months. The country's overall requirement for the upcoming Kharif season—as projected by the Department of Agriculture—stands at 390 lakh tonne. In comparison, the actual sales during the Kharif season last year amounted to 361 lakh tonnes.

"Currently, we possess adequate stocks compared to last year. Our overall stock position as of today stands at 180 LMT (lakh metric tonnes)—up from 147 lakh tonnes last year—indicating that our stock levels are in a very healthy position," she added.

STOCKING UP

1. Govt urges industry to use alternative fertilisers
2. Fertiliser is being sourced Russia, Morocco, Australia, among others
3. Have enough stock: Govt

The Gulf region is a major supplier of fertilizers such as DAP, MOP and NPK to India. It provides about 20–30% of urea and around 30% of DAP imports. Moreover, it also supplies nearly 50% of India's LNG, which is an important raw material for making urea. Key inputs like ammonia, sulphur and sulphuric acid—used to produce P&K fertilisers in India—are also affected when supplies from this region are disrupted.In 2024–25, about 63% of India's urea imports came from Gulf countries like Oman, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, while the region accounted for around 32% of DAP imports.

Sharma said urea and DAP are being made available to farmers at regulated prices: ₹266 per 45 kg bag of urea, and ₹1,350 per 50 kg bag of DAP.

ENERGY

Brent crude rises to $115 after Houthi strike

NEW DELHI: Brent crude prices surged past $115/barrel on Monday after Houthi rebels in Yemen launched first direct strike on Israel. Prices rose 2.7% to $115.66. Over the weekend, Yemen's Houthi militants attacked Israel for the first time since the war begun.

Feb industrial production rises by 5.2%

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S industrial output growth inched up marginally in February, with the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) rising 5.2% year-on-year compared to 5.1% in January, according to data released on Monday.

The uptick was led by an rise in manufacturing output, which grew 6% in February against 5.3% in the previous month. However, the gains were partly offset by slower growth in electricity generation (2.3% versus 5.1%) and mining activity (3.1% versus 4.3%).

Dipti Deshpande, Principal Economist at Crisil Ltd, said a favourable statistical base also contributed to the marginal rise in the headline number.

On a cumulative basis, IIP growth remained broadly stable at 4.1% during April-February of FY26 compared with the corresponding period last year. Within this, manufacturing showed a notable improvement, expanding 5% versus 4.1% a year ago. The manufacturing momentum was driven by strong growth in infrastructure and construction goods, which rose 10.2% compared to 6.4% in the previous year.

EXPRESS READ

No impact on electronics sector, says Vaishnaw

NEW DELHI: There is no impact on electronics sector due to conflict in West Asia, said the Minister of Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, on Monday. Vaishnaw approved 29 applications under fourth tranche of the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme. *ENS*

Fiscal deficit at 80.4% of FY26 budget target

NEW DELHI: The central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 12.52 lakh crore at the end of February, or 80.4 per cent of the annual budget target for 2025-26 compared to 85.8 per cent in the year-ago period, as per the government data. *ENS*

IBC Bill introduces out-of-court resolution

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill has proposed a creditor-initiated insolvency resolution process, with out-of-court settlement provision within a 150-day timeline. Aim of the proposal is to improve efficiency and reduce litigation-driven delays in the insolvency process. The bill also proposes penalty provisions ranging from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 crore on those initiating baseless cases.

The Lok Sabha on Monday cleared the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Amendment) Bill introducing a new insolvency framework featuring out-of-court initiation, debtor-in-possession and creditor-in-control model, where management continues to vest in the existing Board of Directors or partners with safeguards, and defined timelines.

> Primary cause of delay is extensive litigation. Promoters tend to litigate or attempt settlements, delaying admission. Parallel recovery processes also cause delays
>
> Nirmala Sitharaman, finance minister

While presenting the Bill, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday said extensive litigation by promoters remains the primary reason for delays in insolvency resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). "Primary cause of delay is extensive litigation. Promoters tend to litigate or attempt settlements, delaying admission. Parallel recovery processes also cause delays," she said, outlining key provisions of the proposed Amendment Bill.

The Bill also mandates a strict 14-day timeline for admission of insolvency cases once default is established, particularly for financial creditors, with no additional criteria required to be examined.

Sitharaman said authenticated financial information maintained by information utilities will serve as the basis for establishing default, enabling quicker initiation of the insolvency process by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). Adjudicating Authorities will be required to approve or reject resolution plan within 30 days of receipt. However, it has been clarified that wilful defaulters, persons related to NPAs and their connected parties will be prohibited from submitting a resolution plan.

This also extends to sale of liquidated assets & Pre-Packaged Insolvency Resolution Process (PPIRP) as well.

WTO MEETING ENDS WITHOUT CONSENSUS ON CRITICAL ISSUES

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE World Trade Organization's (WTO) 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) ended on Monday with members failing to come to a consensus on several critical issues like e-commerce moratorium , import duties on digital trade, and China's investment proposal, among others.

One of the biggest agenda for India was to address the long-standing moratorium on Customs duties on e-commerce transmissions as it will be lapsed in March 2026. In 1998, WTO members agreed to not have Customs duties on electronic transmissions for two years, a moratorium that has been extended since then.

Without it, countries can impose tariffs on digital trade. The US, supported by the EU and Japan, pushed for a long-term or permanent extension. Efforts to reach a compromise were blocked by Brazil, which linked progress on e-commerce to unresolved issues in agriculture.

Additionally, safeguard against non-violation complaints under the Agreement on Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) also expired. Without it, developed countries can challenge WTO-compliant measures like compulsory licensing. For India, this increases risk of disputes over its intellectual property rules, including provisions like evergreening, said a GTRI report.

Indian patent laws prevent evergreening by prohibiting patenting of new forms of known substances unless they show significantly improved therapeutic efficacy. "Lapse of e-commerce moratorium and TRIPS safeguard signals a institutional rift, with old compromises breaking down. The divide is structural — between those pushing coalition-driven rule-making and those defending consensus," said Ajay Srivastava, founder, GTRI India.

Chakraborty denies power struggle in HDFC board

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

WITH the regulatory radars of the Reserve Bank and the Sebi on him, Anatu Chakraborty, past part-time chairman of HDFC Bank, on Monday denied news reports that the real reason for his exit was power struggle he had with the CEO and also washed his hands off the huge pounding the country's most valued bank has taken since his abrupt resignation.

Chakraborty resigned more than a year ahead of his second term citing incongruence with his values and ethics of certain development in the bank in the last two years on March 18, the HDFC Bank stock has lost a whopping 12%, wipping out ₹1.52 lakh crore investor money.

On the first day after the development, the stock plunged 9% intra-day and closed 5% down and the next day it closed another 2.5% lower and since then lost another 5%.

Govt allows kerosene sale at petrol pumps

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AS the cooking gas crisis deepens in the country, with LPG cylinders in short supply due to the West Asia conflict, the government has allowed selected public sector fuel stations to store and distribute kerosene in states and Union Territories that had previously been declared kerosene-free. Under the new provisions, a maximum of two designated petrol pumps per district—preferably Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) outlets of public sector oil marketing companies—will be permitted to store up to 5,000 litres of kerosene.

Moreover, kerosene dealers and agents have been exempted from obtaining licences under FORM XVIII for decanting fuel at these designated service stations. Similarly, tank vehicles transporting petroleum products under FORM XIX have also been granted exemption from additional licensing requirements for unloading kerosene.

As per the notification, the distribution is restricted solely to household use for cooking and lighting, with a cap of 5,000 litres per outlet. Authorities have mandated adherence to all safety norms and operational guidelines, along with compulsory record-keeping for storage, decantation, and distribution. These records will be subject to inspection by district authorities and the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation.

The government has clarified that the measure is temporary and will remain in force for 60 days or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Due to the ongoing war in West Asia, vessel movement has reduced at the major chokepoint, the Strait of Hormuz. India imports around 60% of its LPG requirement, and nearly 90% of these imports pass through this route. To ensure there is no impact on the 33 crore households currently using LPG cylinders for cooking, the government has diverted commercial and industrial LPG supplies to domestic users.

Jubilant to stop selling Dunkin donut, coffee in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JUBILANT FoodWorks will stop selling Dunkin' brand donut and coffee as it will not renew its agreement with the US-based firm to develop and operate stores in India after December 31, 2026. The decision comes as the Dunkin' brand continues to struggle in India since its arrival more than a decade ago.

"Pursuant to the overall strategic assessment undertaken by the company, the Board of Directors, at its meeting (March 30), has considered and approved non-renewal of the development rights granted in the MUDFA in relation to Dunkin' brand, upon expiry of its current term," said Jubilant FoodWorks in a regulatory filing on Monday.

Jubilant had entered into a Multiple Unit Development Franchise Agreement dated February 24, 2011 (MUDFA) to develop and operate stores under Dunkin' brand in India.

The decision will not have any material operational or financial impact on Jubilant, as per the filing. Dunkin' contributed about 0.61% of Jubilant revenue and a loss of roughly ₹19.1 crore in 2025. Jubilant operated 27 Dunkin' outlets in India as of December 2025 and shut seven over the past year, as per its third-quarter investor presentation.

Jubilant said in a phased manner they will evaluate and undertake actions in respect of its existing Dunkin' brand operations, including rationalisation and/or cessation of certain operations and/or sale, transfer or disposal of assets .

Will not have financial impact on Jubilant

The decision will not have any financial impact on Jubilant. Dunkin' contributed 0.61% of Jubilant revenue and a loss of ₹19.1 crore in 2025.

Sheetal named 'Para Archer of the Year'

India's Sheetal Devi has been named 'Para Archer of the Year 2025' by World Archery. The 19-year-old from Jammu & Kashmir became the first and only female armless archer to win gold at the World Para Archery Championships by claiming the top honours in the women's compound individual event in Gwangju, South Korea last year.

RISING STAR

UPSKILLED HARNOOR READY FOR BIG STAGE

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SOME time in January this year, when Harnoor Singh Pannu walked out to bat for Punjab against Goa in the Vijay Hazare Trophy, the 23-year-old was living his dream. Harnoor was joining his idol and India ODI and Test captain Shubman Gill who was standing at the other end. For the longest time, Harnoor had watched and learnt from the 26-year-old from the sidelines in Punjab cricket. Now, the Punjab Kings all-rounder was out in the middle, batting alongside his hero. The partnership only lasted 2.1 overs and nine runs before Gill got out, but Harnoor stayed in the middle and put on a show in front of his idol, winning the match for Punjab. The left-hander smashed an unbeaten 94 from 90 balls, seeing the chase through for his team and winning the player of the match award.

Recalling the moment, the 23-year-old PBKS all-rounder credits Gill for the influence he has had. "I think playing alongside Shubman was a dream for me, for sure. He has been always telling me to just make things simple and just believe in my game. As youngsters, we tend to make things complicated, this is a game. I think we should keep this game as simple as that. I have been nothing but the biggest fan of Shubman since the time I started playing this game," Harnoor told this daily. Three months on, Harnoor will now be on the other side of the dressing room against Gill as Punjab Kings take on Gujarat Titans in their opening match of the IPL season. "I think there is going to be a lot of banter," Harnoor grinned. "It is going to be fun, but I back Punjab Kings to win," he added.

For someone who has come up the ranks rapidly during his teens, Harnoor's road to sharing the dressing room with Gill and being a part of Punjab Kings was not straightforward. After being a part of the World Cup winning U19 squad in 2022, Harnoor — he had moved to Chandigarh when it got the BCCI affiliation in 2018 — was not able to become a regular in the state team. So when the opportunity came to move back to Punjab, the youngster took it with both hands. "I think my biggest motto was to play the Punjab league. That was one of the biggest leagues in India. Even after playing in the U19 World Cup, I wasn't getting enough opportunities from Chandigarh. So I think that was the only reason," said Harnoor.

Soon came the opportunity at Sher-E-Punjab T20 Cup, where he shined and it paved the way for him to get into PBKS before the IPL 2025. While he still waits for his IPL debut, Harnoor learnt from the sidelines with PBKS and was able to implement it during the domestic season. "It's just very small things. Making sure to stay in the present and working in a smart manner. Quality work matters a lot to me now. That's the biggest thing. I have been quite involved in these breathing exercises. It has helped. One of the things would be the ability to bounce back. I think that's what differentiates good players from great players," Harnoor explained the change in mindset.

Hailing from a sporting background — his father Birinder Singh played age-group cricket, uncle Harminder Singh is a former Punjab cricketer and his coach and his grandfather Rajinder Singh was also involved in the sport — Harnoor has always had the support of his family through the tough times. After his first stint with PBKS, Harnoor finally bought his first car and shared a picture of it with his family on social media. The translated version of his caption read: "Those who taught me how to hold a bat, today I am in my first car with them." Ask him what it means, Harnoor wore a big smile. "My family has been the biggest support of course. It also comes with a lot of cons. Imagine you're not getting enough runs and you have so many family members having opinions, but it is all fun."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

FOCUS ON SHUBMAN, SHREYAS

LAST YEAR'S FINALISTS, PUNJAB KINGS, WILL HOPE TO BEGIN ON A POSITIVE NOTE AGAINST GUJARAT TITANS, WHO HAD A DISAPPOINTING 2025. A LOOK...

Gill has point to prove

Skipper Shubman Gill has a point to prove. He was named India T20I vice-captain before being dropped at the last minute. Gill will have to earn his place in the setup. What better way to do that than let the bat do the talking in IPL.

Can Shreyas do a 2025 repeat?

When Shreyas was appointed captain, he lit up the stage for Punjab. However, 12 months is a long time and it will be interesting to see if the Mumbaikar can replicate a similar show this time.

PUNJAB KINGS VS GUJARAT TITANS, NEW CHANDIGARH

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS AND JIOHOTSTAR, 7.30PM

Super Kings caught on back foot

Rajasthan win in Guwahati after their seamers run roughshod through visitors' line-up

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Rajasthan Royals' Nandre Burger (second right) celebrates after dismissing Chennai Super Kings' Ayush Mhatre | BCCI

WHEN Ruturaj Gaikwad revealed that he would be opening the batting for Chennai Super Kings alongside Sanju Samson to the official broadcaster last week, the anticipation was palpable. On one side, CSK had their anointed prodigy-turned-captain Gaikwad. On the other side was someone who has always considered Chennai home away home.

If the former is still in the process of making this team his own, Samson fandom had never been bigger, especially after the Player of the tournament show in the T20 World Cup. Cut to Monday, when they opened the batting together for the first time in yellow against Rajasthan Royals, Guwahati was buzzing.

At least it did for 12 balls before the Royals pacers decided to spoil the Super Kings party. Quite literally. First, it was Nandre Burger cleaning Samson with a full delivery that moved away and uprooted the off-stump. Six balls later, Jofra Archer joined the party as he breached Gaikwad's defences. CSK were 19/2 with two of their biggest batters back in the pavilion.

And unfortunately for Chennai, that was just the beginning. Burger bounced out Ayush Mhatre for a first ball duck while Sandeep Sharma deceived Matthew Short. Ravindra Jadeja — traded for Samson by CSK after 13 years — delivered the decisive blow. In a span of six deliveries, he trapped the dangerous Sarfaraz Khan and the explosive Shivam Dube. Chennai, by now, had already lost the contest, slumping to 57/6 in eight overs.

This was not how the five-time champions had expected to kickstart their season. Coming into the tournament, they had made drastic changes to the way they operate. Their trusted template was left at the door as they embraced a newer style at the auction. CSK had invested heavily on uncapped explosive Indian talent after being caught short last year. This line-up, without MS Dhoni who has been ruled out for the first two weeks with calf strain, is the beginning of a new chapter where one of the biggest franchises in the league take their first step into the future.

However, in their first outing, Chennai found themselves in hot water. On a pitch with pace and bounce, their batting line-up — built with expectations of posting big totals on flat pitches — was taken by surprise and failed to adapt in time. And it showed as Burger, Archer, Sandeep and Brijesh Sharma, who is yet to play for any senior state team, ran through the yellow line-up without breaking sweat. If not for Jamie Overton's rescue act — the English all-rounder scored 43 off 36 balls and added 33 runs for the tenth wicket with Anshul Kamboj — Chennai would have struggled to cross the three-figure mark.

By then, however, the contest was long gone. And it was visible as Vaibhav Sooryavanshi once again showed the world that he is here to stay. The teen star racked up a 15-ball half-century, setting up the chase (17-ball 52) for RR. The rest was just a formality as Rajasthan overpowered Super Kings and bagged two points with ease.

Chennai, meanwhile, would believe that this is an aberration and not a beginning of what could be another long season. There were glimpses of positives to take whilst Sarfaraz was batting and they will only hope that Dewald Brevis, who missed the match because of side strain, comes back into the mix by the time they take the field against Punjab Kings in their home turf later this week. And come Friday, Super Kings will once again hope that they get a surface that suits their line-up and their two biggest stars — Samson and Gaikwad — rise to the occasion.

BRIEF SCORES

Chennai Super Kings 127 in 19.4 ovs (Overton 43; Archer 2/19, Burger 2/27, Jadeja 2/18) **lost to** Rajasthan Royals 128/2 in 12.1 ovs (Sooryavanshi 52, Jaiswal 38 n.o; Kamboj 2/27).

Vaishali bounces back from losing stage to escape with draw in Round 2

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @ Chennai

R Vaishali has two draws in two outings so far | FILE PHOTO

R VAISHALI was seemingly down and out after a blunder in the middlegame but she rescued her losing position with a series of brilliances and great moves to rescue half-a-point against compatriot Divya Deshmukh in the second round of the women's Candidates in Cyprus on Monday.

After the Indian ace played 34. Ne4, Deshmukh, playing with white, spotted the vulnerable b pawn and claimed it. But further along the line, she played 37. Qg3 when she ought to have played Qg4.

Those blunders were understandable as both players were fighting against the clock. Both were forced into the tank on multiple occasions earlier in the game as a result of which they were both down to under than 90 seconds with a good few moves remaining to hit the time control (players get an additional 30 minutes after the 40th move).

Suddenly, Deshmukh, the reigning World Cup champion and India's newest women's GM, had frittered away the advantage. She still could have pushed but Vaishali, featuring in her second Candidates event, reeled off a sequence of 'great moves', per the engine, to stabilise her position.

And both players shook hands soon after.

Pragg holds own

R Praggnanandhaa followed up with a win in the first round with a solid draw against China's Wei Yi. The Indian, playing with black, did create an opening but couldn't follow it up with a bunch of precise moves to really test Yi. It allowed Yi a small window of opportunity to get back to level footing.

Results (2nd Rd): Open: Wei Yi drew with R Praggnanandhaa, Javokhir Sindarov drew with Matthias Bluebaum, Anish Giri drew with Fabiano Caruana, Andrey Esipenko Hikaru Nakamura.

Women: Kateryna LAgno drew with Jhu Ziner, Anna Muzychuk drew with Tan Zhongyi, Divya Deshmukh drew with R Vaishal, Bibisara Assaubayeva Aleksandra Goryachkina.

EXPRESS READ

PSL: Fakhar denies ball-tampering charges

LAHORE: Pakistan's Fakhar Zaman has denied ball-tampering charges stemming from the PSL match between Lahore Qalandars and Karachi Kings at the Gaddafi Stadium. He was charged on Sunday night by match referee Roshan Mahanama with a Level 3 offence under Article 2.14 of the PSL Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel. Zaman was found to have violated Article 41.3 of the PSL playing conditions.

Indians shine at world junior wushu meet

TIANJIN CITY (CHINA): The Indian Wushu team bagged nine medals, including three gold, at the 10th World Junior Wushu Championship, Apart from the three gold, Indians clinched two silvers and four bronze. Indian athletes displayed high-level technique, confidence in their finals bouts. India dominated in the sanda events (fighting) with Thongam Upendro (Boys 45 kg), Nongmaithem Pamheiba (Junior Boys 52kg) and Loitongbam Victor (Youth Boys 52kg) winning the top prizes.

Ace cueist Advani sails into title round

LUDHIANA: Pankaj Advani continued his dream run in his maiden pool national championships, powering into the men's 9-ball pool title clash with an authoritative win in the semifinals, here on Monday. The PSPB pro hardly put a foot wrong in his 11-5 demolition of Karnataka's Kushal Chandrashekar. In the final on Tuesday, the 40-year-old Advani will take on Chandigarh's Nitin Sharma.

Impressive scalps for Preeti, Deepak

ENS/AGENCIES @ Ulaanbaatar

BOXERS Preeti Pawar and Deepak posted impressive wins on the opening day of the Asian Championships here.

Preeti, who was part of the Paris Olympics, put up a commanding show as she secured a 5-0 victory over Elina Bazarova of Kazakhstan in the women's 54kg category. Bazarova had entered the event after winning the Strandja boxing meet earlier this month. Preeti, the 2024 Asian U22 gold winner, was just too strong for the Kazakh boxer.

In the men's 70kg category, Deepak, silver medallist at the Boxam Elite International 2026 and a bronze medallist at the Asian Youth Boxing Championships 2022, edged Uzbekistan's Khavasbek Asadullaev with a 3-2 split decision win. Deepak showed tactical discipline and resilience to come through a closely contested bout. Given the opponents (Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan are considered powerhouses) they beat, this is a big boost for India.

'33 sexual harassment complaints against SAI staff, coaches'

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a shocking revelation, the sports ministry has said that eight complaints of sexual harassment have been filed against administrative staff of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and some 25 against their coaches. The sports ministry while replying to a question in the Lok Sabha on Monday said those were the figures in the last 10 years in SAI.

However, according to the reply, no complaints have been filed against sports ministry officials. Sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya replied to questions posed by Members of Parliament Adhikari Deepak Dev and Raja Ram Singh.

They had asked for the details of total number of complaints regarding sexual harassment received against officials, coaches and support staff associated with the Ministry, the SAI, affiliated National Sports Federations (NSFs), SAI Centres and other sports institution during the last ten years and the current year, State/UT and discipline-wise.

In reply, the sports minister said that there were eight complaints against administrative staff. Out of the eight, in one case the penalty was "Permanent withholding of full gratuity as per Rule 9 of CCS (Pension) Rules 1972". While others cases were closed without penalty. When it comes to coaches, the number of complaints increased considerably and the number, according to the reply, stood at 25. There have been instances when athletes have raised complaints in recent times.

In the cases of coaches, there were two terminations and six suspensions. There were six minor penalties. Interestingly, no appeal was filed against administrative staff penalties. In the case of coaches, "eight appeals have been filed by the complainant or the accused against the decisions/recommendations of the inquiry committees".

The reply also said that pursuant to the enactment of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) (POSH) Act, 2013, the provisions of the POSH Act 2013 are applicable to all NSFs recognised by the sports ministry. And all of them have constituted the Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), said the ministry.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

MESSY AFFAIR

Charges & counter-claims as AIFF comes under scanner yet again

CHANDRA PRABHU @ Chennai

JUST as things were looking brighter after a long period of uncertainty over starting the Indian Super League (ISL), the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has found itself in the centre of controversy again. Three top AIFF officials, including president Kalyan Chaubey, were accused of intimidation and disrespectful remarks by Valanka Alemao, the women's committee chairman on Monday. In a letter written to the Executive Committee, Valanka alleged Chaubey, vice president NA Haris and deputy secretary general M Satyanarayan of "disgusting behaviour."

The AIFF, later on Monday, rejected the allegations and pointed out an "outburst of frustration" from Valanka over not including Churchill Brothers in the ISL. Valanka is the daughter of former Goa chief minister Alemao Churchill, who owns Churchill Brothers. Valanka is the current CEO of the club. The body alleged that Valanka and her father exerted "tremendous pressure on the AIFF to secure a backdoor entry into the ISL."

"She pushed for the convening meeting of an Emergency Committee on this matter. On her tremendous pressure the AIFF called Emergency EC meeting on 9th February 2026 but that could not be convened as Members didn't participate and no Quorum was formed," Satyanarayan said on behalf of AIFF in a statement.

The AIFF went on to state that Valanka had called each executive committee member for another emergency meeting on February 12. "In that meeting EC rejected her proposal. Thereafter on the day when the tournament began, that is on 14th February, her family pressurised again to call 3rd Emergency EC Meeting. AIFF didn't accommodate that request," the AIFF stated. Even ISL clubs had rejected the proposal of bringing Churchill Brothers into the league, citing lack of merit.

Valanka, the AIFF's women's committee chairman and a FIFA women's development committee member, had alleged that the top officials had attempted to suppress her voice, after she claimed to have raise concerns over procedural irregularities.

"I feel deeply prejudiced and I found that several attempts were made by the President to suppress my voice," the letter stated. The allegations are pertaining to Sunday's executive committee meeting at Football House in New Delhi, when the Committee deliberated over the long-term bids for Indian Super League (ISL).

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According to a 2023 study published in the journal *Interdisciplinary Neurosurgery*, tech neck is has increased considerably over the last decade, especially among young students, mainly due to the use of smartphones

COMMON CAUSES

Herniated Disc: When the inner material of a vertebral disc pushes through a weakened outer layer and presses on a nerve

Bone Spurs (Osteoarthritis) Aging causes wear and tear, leading to bony growths that narrow the nerve channel

Degenerative disc disease Reduction of disc space reduces the space available for nerves to exit the spine

Poor posture/ injury: Prolonged poor posture, such as improper computer work or sleeping positions, can exacerbate nerve compression

PINCHED NERVE IN NECK

A pinched nerve in the neck (cervical radiculopathy) occurs when surrounding tissues, such as herniated discs or bone spurs, compress a nerve root, causing pain, numbness, or weakness radiating into the arm

Symptoms often include sharp pain, tingling, or muscle fatigue, typically on one side

Treatment includes rest, posture adjustments, medication, and physical therapy, with recovery often taking 4–12 weeks

One of the causes for pinched nerve in the neck is prolonged poor posture, such as improper position while working on the computer or sleeping, which can exacerbate nerve compression

WRONG POSTURE CAN STRAIN YOUR NECK

The number of cases of people tripping and falling while using phones and climbing down stairs has increased, even at homes. This is a serious issue that leads to unnecessary accidents

Dr Krishna Kumar R, Kochi

ANNA JOSE @Kochi

ALAN, a Kochi native, is a six-year-old boy. When he came to the hospital complaining of severe neck pain, his doctor was puzzled as it is not common in kids at this young age without any previous medical history. As the test results were also normal, the mystery deepened.

"It's quite uncommon to have neck pain at this age without any accidental fall or history of recent infection. On further discussion with the child's parents, I came to know that the child was playing video games on a tablet for hours together in a bad posture for a few months. I suggested a correction. Once this was stopped, the child became alright," said Dr Krishna Kumar R, director of spine and scoliosis surgery at VPS Lakeshore Hospital, Kochi.

The habit of constantly bending the neck over phones and laptops is leading to a growing health problem – text neck syndrome – which is now affecting even young adults. Also known as tech neck syndrome, it is a repetitive strain injury caused by prolonged forward-bending of the neck while using smartphones, tablets, or computers.

"Earlier, we used to see people in their 50s and 60s complaining about neck pain. Now, the number of people seeking treatment for neck pain in their late 20s and 30s has risen. It affects not just IT professionals but also anyone who uses a mobile screen, laptop, or desktop for a long time with repetitive stress. The condition initially presents with neck pain, neck stiffness and headache, particularly at the back of the head, as the common symptoms. As the disease progresses, many of them experience numbness and tingling running to the hands too," adds Dr Krishna Kumar.

According to a study, 'Text Neck Syndrome: Disentangling a New Epidemic', published in 2022, the prevalence of the syndrome, independent of age, is high and equal to that of lower back pain. "Epidemiological data indicate that 73% of university students and 64.7% of people who work from home have neck or back pain. About 39.2% of them admit to being less productive due to neck or low back pain. Indeed, the unavoidable addiction to personal computers and cell phones for texting has contributed to the increase in the prevalence of neck pain," stated the study. The average weight of the head of an adult is around 5kg. Various neck angles, particularly 30 degrees, 45 degrees, and 60 degrees, can create significant force on the neck. The head's weight effectively increases as the neck bends forward, placing stress on the muscles and ligaments. When the angle is 30 degrees, the weight increases three times, and at 45 and 60 degrees (which is the common position when we use mobile phones), it increases by four times and five times, respectively; that's about 20-25 kg of strain on the neck. These repeated stress and strain on the neck for long hours accelerate the wear and tear of the neck muscles, ligaments and disc.

"Lying down on the bed and watching the screen – be it side-lying, flexed, or pillowed – equally creates issues. However, commonly, people ignore this. People who work from home too face several issues as they may not have enough proper arrangements for tables and seats. In such situations, make the seat arrangement similar to that of the office, and a standing table too can help," said Dr Krishna Kumar, adding that one should consult a doctor if the neck pain persists or if one feels tingling or numbness, as it may be a sign of nerve compression.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the general public that my client **Sri.Chandra Singh** residing at E-346, Hosahalli Madavara, Bangalore - 562123. My client is the absolute owner of House No.09, measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet in all measuring 1200 Square feet and Site No.10 (Northern Portion), measuring East to West : (23+17)/2 feet and North to South : 30 feet in all measuring 600 Square feet and Site No.10/A, measuring East to West : On Northern Side : 18 feet, On Southern Side : 17 feet and North to South : 10 feet in all measuring 175 Square feet and situated at Dombarahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. My client has lost original Gift deed dated 12.08.2011, executed by Sri.S.Ananth Kumar in favour of Smt.K.Akshatha, registered as Document No.3950/2011-12 of Book-I, stored in CD No.DSPD95 in the office of the sub registrar Dasanapura. My client has lost the above mentioned Gift deed while shifting house and the same is not traceable even after his best efforts. In this regard my client has lodged Online Police Complaint Vide Lost Report No.2130994/2026, dated 30.03.2026, If any person/s, Bank/anybody having any right or claims over the above mentioned property may lodge their objections if any in writing failing which certified copy of the lost document shall be treated as the original title deeds and construed by our client that there are no claims/objections. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the below said address within 7 days.

Chandrika P. Shetty, Advocate,
No.22, Ground Floor, Near Yediyur Lake,
Kanakapura Main Road- B'lore -04

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
BSNL Building, 4th Floor,
Telephone House , Rajbhavan Road,
Bangalore -560 001

O.A. No.417/2023

BETWEEN : BANK OF INDIA, J. C. Road Branch, No. 4/2, OTC Road, Off J. C. Road, Behind LIC Building, Near Sharada Talkies, Bangalore - 560 002. **...Applicant**

Versus

M/s. Suncity Tradelink [A Proprietary concern] Rep by its Prop., & Another ....Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendant:

1. M/s. Suncity Tradelink [A Proprietary concern], No. 103/2, 5th Cross, 1st Main, NTY Layout, Mysore Road, Bangalore - 560 026. **Rep. by its Prop., Mrs. Meena R Patel.**

2. Mrs. Meena R. Patel, Aged about 57 years, W/o. Mr. Ramesh M. Patel, R/at: No. 108, First Floor, Amaritvilla, 2nd Main Canara Bank Colony, Nagarabhavi Road, Bangalore - 560 072.

Under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.28,85,216.09 ps** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen and Paise Nine Only) together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate n support of their defense to show cause within 30 days or on **04.05.2026 at 10.30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **04.12.2025**

By Order of the Tribunal
Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II.

SURABHI SOUHARDHA CREDIT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED.,

No. 02, Surabhi Sahakari Sadan, 2nd Floor, 13th Cross, Attimabbe Road, C.T. Bed Extension, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070. Ph: 080-26794511, Mob: 9742060295, E-mail:sscclt@ymail.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Where as the Co-op Limited acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Co-op Limited, upon the following terms and conditions:

CONDITIONS OF E-AUCTION

a) E-Auction is being on **"As is where is" and "What is there is"** and the Co-op Limited is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal **- https://bankauctions.in** at the Date and Time as mentioned below:-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **"Surabhi Souhardha Credit Co-operative Society Limited" Banashankari Branch Bangalore.** by Demand Draft or **Bank of India** for NEFT/RTGS to **Current Account No.848320110000033 And IFSC Code : BKID0008483** at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on **https://bankauctions.in** before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
d) Bidder should have valid digital signature certificate (Class- ii/iii) to participate in the e-auction. For details with regards to digital signature, registration and training may please Contact: **M/s 4Closure, Hyderabad. Contact Details: 08142000061/66 and +91-8142000809 (Bengaluru) Email ID: info@bankauctions.in and karnataka@bankauctions.in.**
e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Co-op Limited and the Co-op Limited will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted by bidders and the Co-op Limited would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within **15 days** from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
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1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : Mrs. Swarna Honnamma W/o Basava Raju, No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumarapark West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020. **Guarantor: Mr. Basavaraju,** S/o Shivanna, No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020. **Also at:** No.121, Mysore Road, Avalahalli, Bengaluru 560026.
The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold : Rs. 72,37,583.20 (Rupees Seventy Two lakhs Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Three and paisa Twenty only) as on 25.03.2026 Future Interest and other charges from 26.03.2026 till closure is also due.
Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: ITEM No.1: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Vacant Site No.68 and 83 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :80 feet and North to South:30 feet totally measuring 2400 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Site Nos.69 and 82, South by: Road
ITEM No.2: All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the property bearing Vacant Site Nos.69 and 70 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :40 feet and North to South:50 feet totally measuring 2000 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Road, West by: Site Nos.82 and 81, North by: Northern Portion of Site No.70, South by: Site No.68.
ITEM No.3: All the piece and parcel of the Southern Portion of the property bearing Vacant Site Nos.82 and 81 formed in property bearing Assessment No.65/2A situated at Gowdahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West :40 feet and North to South:50 feet totally measuring 2000 Square feet and bounded on the East by: Site Nos.70 and 69, West by: Road, North by: Northern Portion of Site No.81, South by: Site No.63.

Reserve Price : Rs.1,60,00,000/- EMD : Rs.16,00,000/-
Date & Time of Auction : 23.04.2026 at 02.30 PM to 3.30 PM (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions),
Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 22.04.2026 before 4.30 PM
E auction website - https://bankauctions.in .Increment value Rs. 50,000/-& such multiples

2. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : Mr. Huchappa M S/o Mariyappa, No.60-2, Maharastra Street, Adepete Town, Nelamangala, Bengaluru-562123 **Guarantor- Mr. Basavaraju S** S/o Shivanna No.2/13, 2nd Cross, Kumara Park West, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020 **Also at:** No.121, Mysore Road, Avalahalli Bengaluru-560026
The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold Rs. 2,94,57,593.80(Rupees Two Crore Ninety Four lakhs Fifty Seven thousand Five hundred Ninety Three and Paise Eighty only) as on 25.03.2026 Future Interest and other charges from 26.03.2026 till closure is also due.
Description of immovable secured assets to be sold: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing No.2093, presently having BBMP Khatha No.2224/2182/2093 in the layout in several survey numbers at Allalsandra, Chikkabommasandra and Jakkur Plantation of Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore formed by the Karnataka State Judicial Department Employees House Building Co-Operative Society Ltd, Bangalore as per plan approved by the Bangalore Development Authority, now comes within the jurisdiction of the Bruhath Bangalore Development Authority, now comes within the jurisdiction of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Ward No.04, Yelahanka Sub-Division, measuring East to West :36 feet and North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 2160 Sq.ft, and bounded as follows: East by: Site No.2094, West by: Road, North by: Park, South by: Road.

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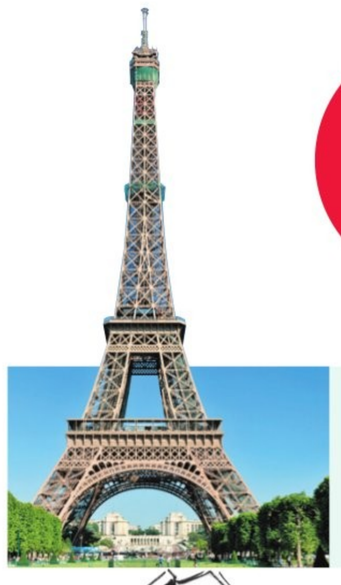

DAY'S DIARY

Iron Lady unveiled

The construction of The Eiffel Tower, a Parisian landmark, began in January 1887 and was completed on March 31, 1889

BRAIN BEHIND THE TOWER

At the International Exposition of 1889, a competition was held for designs for the monument. Among 100 designs, the committee accepted Gustave Eiffel's plan

A SECRET AGENT

During World War I (1914 to 1918), the French military used the tower's radio and telegraph center to communicate with ground troops and battleships

TALLEST STRUCTURE

The Eiffel Tower was the tallest structure in the world until the topping off of the Chrysler Building in New York City in 1929

A TRUE-BLUE BANGALORE HOME

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A DEEP DIVE INTO WHAT MAKES A TATTOO VEGAN, INCLUDING ITS INGREDIENTS AND HOW IT COMPARES TO CONVENTIONAL INK AFTER VIRAT KOHLI DEBUTED A VEGAN INK TATTOO DURING THE SEASON'S MAIDEN IPL MATCH IN THE CITY

A WINNING INKPRESSION

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

CHEERS and roars filled the stadium as RCB clinched their maiden IPL match against SRH on Saturday, but it wasn't just the win that got people talking. Virat Kohli, who scored an unbeaten 63 on the opening night, also turned heads for his new full-sleeve tattoo made with vegan ink featuring lotus and floral motifs that symbolise resilience and transformation. Never heard of it, probably, you must have also hastily looked up 'Vegan Tattoo' to know the buzz surrounding it. As artists explain, the difference lies in the ink used. "A vegan tattoo comes down to the ink. It does not contain any animal-derived ingredients. These inks are made using edible oils, along with glycerin and aqua water," explains Suresh Machu of Machu Tattoo Studio, adding that their vegan ink comes from Hollywood in California.

Just like composition, what draws attention is how the tattoo behaves, especially during the healing process. For clients wary of visible after-effects, the healing process is often seen as a plus. The difference becomes more noticeable a few days after getting inked, when the skin begins to recover. "It heals like butter. There is no extra swelling or redness and overall, the skin reacts much better compared to conventional inks. Peeling is minimal or happens in a thin layer, unlike conventional inks, which can form thicker scabs on the skin," he says.

When it comes to clients, this smoother healing process can make a visible difference. "Many assume that a tattoo is vegan just because of the ink, but that's not always true. Clients should ask if the entire setup is vegan – the stencil, razors, aftercare products – that's where most hidden animal-derived ingredients come in," says Gagan, founder of Crazy Ink Tattoo. For business consultant Meenakshi, who recently opted for a vegan tattoo, the choice came from wanting to be mindful. "When I learned that some traditional inks can contain animal-derived ingredients, I started looking for alternatives," she says. Her experience, she adds, was comfortable and clean, with minimal irritation, from start to finish.

When it comes to the final result, artists say there is little compromise on how the tattoo looks. "Vegan tattoos look more punchy and vibrant and the output blends better into the skin," Machu shares. For Meenakshi, too, the outcome held up. "I didn't feel any limitation when it came to colours or design. My tattoo was a multi-colour realistic piece with 20-plus shades," she shares.

For Gagan, the final outcome has little to do with whether the ink is vegan and more to do with how the tattoo is executed. "There's no real difference in how a vegan tattoo looks or lasts. What matters is how deep the needle goes and how well you follow aftercare," he says.

Despite the growing interest, vegan ink is not yet the default across studios. One of the main reasons is cost. "It is four to five times costlier than the conventional ink because it's imported, which is why it is mostly used in high-end studios. If a regular tattoo costs ₹1,000, a vegan one would cost ₹4,500-5,000," Machu says. For those considering the switch, artists say a basic check – vegan certification on the ink bottle or label reports – can go a long way in ensuring authenticity.

Kohli's full-sleeve vegan tattoo inked ahead of IPL 2026

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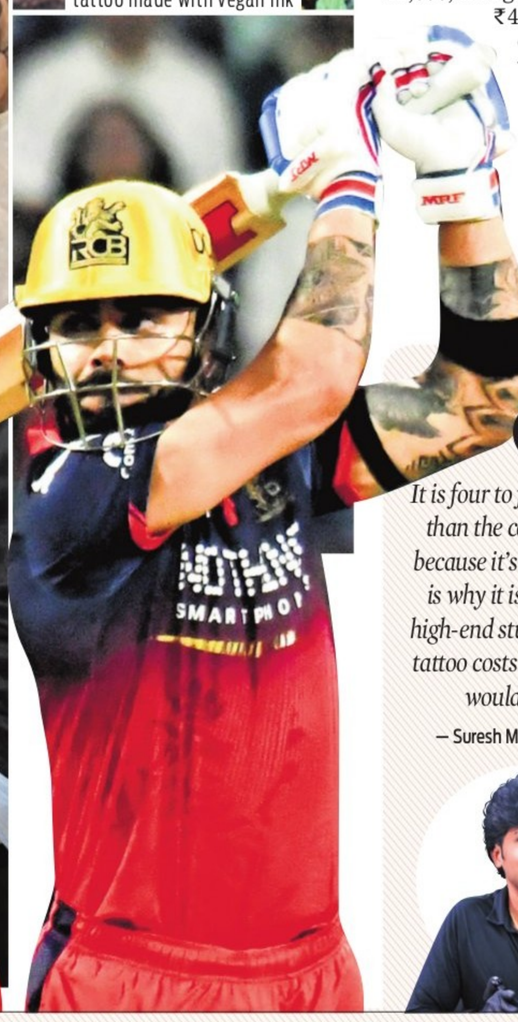
Meenakshi's multi-coloured reflection tattoo made with vegan ink



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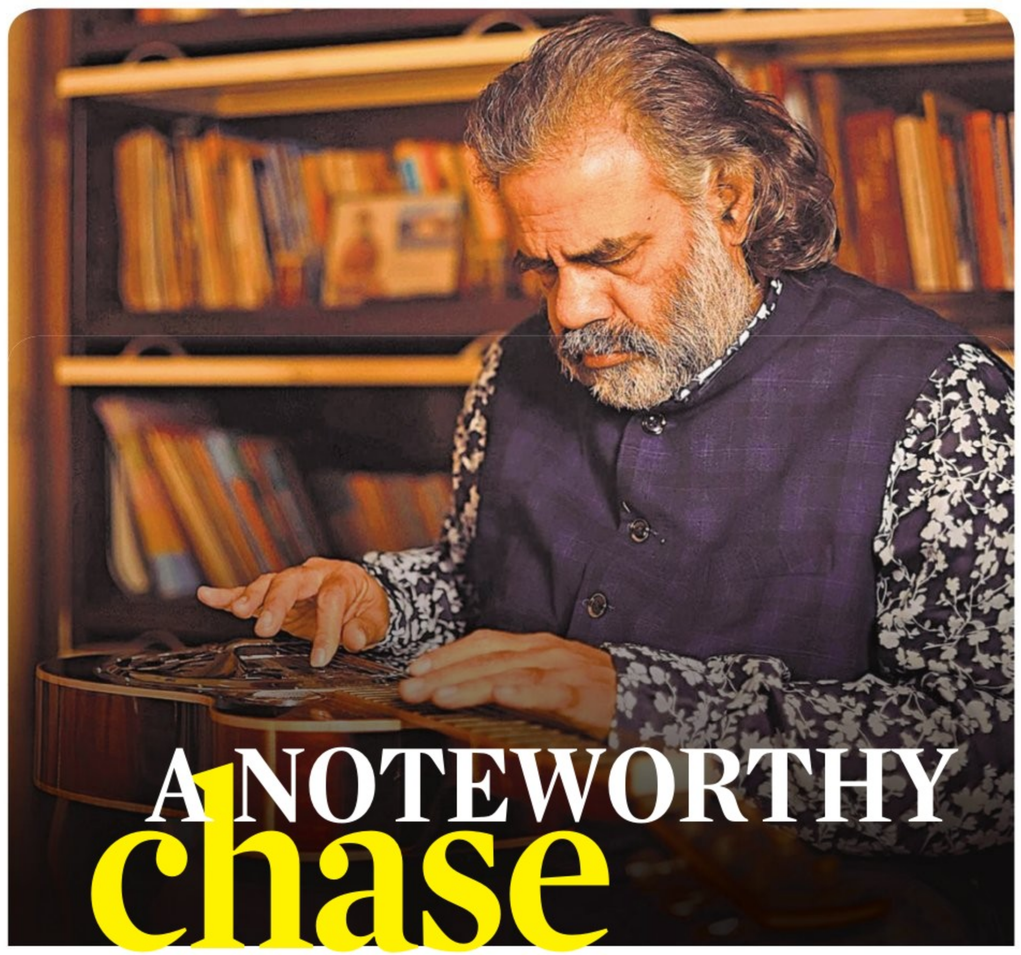
HANDLE WITH CARE

From a medical perspective, the main risk comes from pigments, preservatives and contamination irrespective of whether it is vegan or not. Dr Shireen Furtado, dermatologist, Ayana Clinic, stresses that skin infections depend on hygiene practices during tattooing than the ink type itself. "Though the trend highlighted by Kohli has increased awareness, it is key to choose a licensed tattoo artist, check ink quality and do a patch test to lower risks rather than relying on the vegan label," she says, adding that there are no clear medical evidence showing that vegan tattoo inks reduce risks compared to regular ones, because these complications mainly depend on factors like quality, sterility of the ink and how well the skin is taken care of post procedure. Those with sensitive skin, a history of strong allergies or conditions like eczema, psoriasis or keloid formation should take extra caution before getting tattoos because their skin may react strongly or heal poorly, while those with weak immunity, uncontrolled diabetes or skin infections should avoid tattoos until their condition is stable, and people prone to contact dermatitis may react to certain pigments or metals in ink.



A NOTEWORTHY chase

Energetic, fast and engaging...Bengaluru's renowned slide guitarist Prakash Sontakke teams up with veteran bassist Keith Peters for the global release of their fusion work, Wild Chase, today

SRUTHI HEMACHANDRAN

A high-energy instrumental track, *Wild Chase*, brings together Hindustani classical and American bluegrass, as slide guitarist-composer Prakash Sontakke and bassist Keith Peters, who has long worked with composer AR Rahman, take their collaboration to a global audience. The track, slated for release on March 31, pushes back against the notion that Indian classical music is slow or inaccessible, presenting it instead as fast, engaging and full of movement.

The story of the track begins in Bengaluru, where a simple plan turned into a late-night recording session at Sontakke's home. Peters, who happened to be in the city, dropped by and recorded his part in just a few takes. For Sontakke, *Wild Chase* has been around for years before this version. When he finally decided to put it out, the collaboration felt obvious and organic. "It's a track I had composed long ago and performed live regularly. But I never released a recorded version. This composition needs a certain technical finesse and dexterity and Keith was the natural choice. It's a challenging piece and I knew he would bring the right energy to it," Sontakke, also known for his contribution to Grammy-winning albums, most notably the 2015 Best New Age Album Winner, *Winds of Samsara*, shares.

Peters, known for his work on songs like *Chinna Chinna Aasai* and *Pachai Nirame*, went with his instinct while working on the track. He first heard it while travelling and let it stay in his head before recording. "I just listened to it and kept it in my mind. When I went to the studio, I played over it...two or three times and it was done," he says. In fact, his part came together in minutes.

Sontakke with Keith Peters

The track is built on Hindustani classical phrasing with elements of bluegrass and country running through it. Sontakke's deeper understanding of Indian music helped him with the combination, as he says, "If Indian classical music is explored in depth, elements of every form of music in the world are within it. You can find traces of bluegrass, Western classical and even African music. It's all bringing those elements out and presenting them."

Between the conversation, Sontakke also recalls a moment of recognition from pedal steel guitarist Robert Randolph that caught him off guard. "I was surprised because I had no idea he knew about me. I've always been a great admirer of his and suddenly I heard he had spoken about my music. Maybe he heard me years ago and has been following my work, and I didn't even know," he says with softness in his voice.

In its true essence, *Wild Chase* is driven by energy and interaction. In Sontakke's words, it's like two people chasing each other. "There's constant interaction between the instruments. That's what gives the track its drive. You can listen to elements of of Jerry Douglas (American guitar player), who uses this particular hammer-on technique in bluegrass. It's a typical slide guitar technique, which I use extensively in my track. You will get the combination of bluegrass, country and then a little bit of tihai, the Indian classical element," he explains, describing the way the slide guitar and bass move through the track, further adding, "People often assume Indian classical music is boring or too heavy. I wanted to break the perception and create something peppy that still stays true to the form. This one is energetic, fast and engaging."

Even then, there was a clear direction to follow. "Prakash showed me the raga, so the idea was to stay within those notes. You just go with the wave," Peters says.

As the track heads for a global release, both musicians are looking ahead to how it will be received. For Sontakke, the focus is on staying true to his music. Peters keeps expectations simple, as he says, "It's exciting to see what comes of it. Fingers crossed."

Blending Indian cultures with a Western classical dance form, this ballet performance offers a shared experience for audiences

Tradition with a twirl

EXPRESS FEATURES

INDIA is rooted in diversity in arts and cultures, and I wanted to embrace this in A Tale of Dreams and Destinies," says Yana Lewis, teacher and artistic director at The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet, ahead of their ballet performance, which will be staged on April 11 and 12 at the Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte Cross.

Based on a classic tale from *One Thousand and One Nights*, standing at the helm of Imperial Classical Ballet and Modern Ballet, the institution's seventh in-house production is ideated, choreographed, and produced entirely in India and is a step towards furthering the presence of classical ballet in India. Having studied yoga for close to four decades, Lewis has a deep connection to India and its culture, which she aims to showcase through the show by bringing together the various cultures of the country with ballet, an art form she brought to South India in 1998. "Over the period of four decades, I have taught ballet to thousands of students, and the dedication I see to the art form from most of those who step into it is unparalleled. This show has also been a canvas to cross confines often defined by gender and belief systems as we move forward in this challenging global future," she says.

The ballet follows the journeys of a thief who discovers a magical lamp, and a princess who yearns to see the world beyond her palace walls. The story also explores the power of a dream and the courage it takes to make it real, no matter who you are!

With detailed choreography and a rigorous training regime over 12 months, the show will have 180+ performers on stage, including senior ballet dancers from the foundation and the National Youth Ballet Company, appearing in over 280 bespoke costumes and dancing to a varied musical score. The costumes, props, accessories, and scenography for the show draw inspiration from many places: haute couture runways to Indian palaces and bazaars, including Bengaluru's very own Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath. The costumes also incorporate various Indian handlooms and textiles, and the LED backdrops spanning the stage have been created to evoke an expansive, immersive experience.

(Tickets will be available on bookmyshow.com. For more information, call 96061 85575)

FOCUS FEATURE AN SMD INITIATIVE

REVA Stays Unshaken Amid LPG Crisis

As LPG shortages disrupt kitchens across the city, REVA University hostels continue to function seamlessly. Mealtimes remain unchanged, with fresh food, full menus, and no delays.

While many PG accommodations struggle with limited supply and reduced options, REVA ensured continuity through advance planning and adequate LPG reserves. Backup measures and close monitoring have kept services steady without compromising quality.

Students, initially expecting disruptions, instead found reassurance in consistency. For many living away from home, timely meals have provided both comfort and stability.

Chancellor Dr. P. Shyama Raju reaffirmed that student well-being remains a priority, emphasizing that reliable, nutritious meals are essential.

In a time of uncertainty, REVA's steady approach highlights a simple strength: ensuring everyday life on campus continues without interruption.

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Cinema & Conversations

Step into the haunting cinematic experience of *The Act of Killing* (2012) in which former Indonesian death squad leaders are challenged to reenact the 1960s mass killings they led in cinematic styles. As they perform, the line between performance and confession blur.

WHEN: March 31, 7.30pm
WHERE: Underline Centre, Domlur
DETAILS: district.in

Artsy Escape

Experience a vibrant and immersive day filled with gallery walkthroughs, panel discussions, fireside chats, studio tours and art showcases at Bengaluru Art Weekend. This ticket grants access to all events on the day you choose, except workshops and music performances.

WHEN: March 31, 2pm
WHERE: Wework Galaxy, Residency Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Craft Your Time

Unleash your creative side in a hands-on workshop where you design a stunning, functional clock using glossy resin techniques. Blend colours, experiment with textures and craft a unique piece that doubles as decor and art. With guided steps and all materials provided, it's a perfect mix for creativity, relaxation and a take-home art piece.

WHEN: March 31, 5pm onwards
WHERE: Art Beat, HSR Layout
CALL: 73539 41419

Midweek Fun

Who says you have to wait till Friday to enjoy a fun-filled unforgettable night? Prepone your weekend vibes as you join as DJ Sukant spins the hottest tracks. Bring your loved ones to dance, feel the beat and enjoy a night full of energy..

WHEN: March 31, 8pm
WHERE: Yeda Republic, Koramangala
DETAILS: district.in

Sip & Slay

Enjoy the ultimate girls' night out with a menu designed for all the women, with complimentary food and drinks at the venue, carrying luxe vibes. The event, applicable only for people between 21 and 30 years of age, is valid for dine-in only.

WHEN: March 31, 7pm
WHERE: Toy Boy, Majestic
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Wit Unfiltered

Step into a world where humour where six seasoned English comedians perform for 10-12 minutes each. Expect an engaging performance filled with laughter and punchlines that hit home, making it a perfect mood-lifter for a fun outing.

WHEN: March 31, 9pm
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Little Explorers Zone

Step into a vibrant world of fun and learning, a thoughtfully designed play zone where kids explore, create and grow through play. With interactive zones featuring art, puzzles, building blocks and active play areas, it blends entertainment with development, making every moment full of discovery.

WHEN: March 31, 1.30pm onwards
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MARDAANI 3 (Hindi)

It is a race against time and there will be no mercy. Shivani Shivaji Roy is back to rescue girls who go missing without a trace.

Cast: Rani Mukerji, Mallika Prasad, Janki Bodiwala

- **Watch on:** Netflix

HEY KAY NAVIN? (Marathi, series)

Rama and Aditya have a stable, child-free life until she begins to feel an emotional void. During a break she starts a business, but as pressure rises, she must figure out what the dream stands for.

Cast: Priya Bapat, Umesh Kamat, Shubhangi Gokhale

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

FOREIGN

SOMETHING VERY BAD IS GOING TO HAPPEN (English, series)

A certain atmosphere of horror is felt the week before the celebration of an unfortunate wedding.

Cast: Camila Morrone, Adam DiMarco, Gus Birney

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WHY PROTEIN MATTERS MORE DURING PERIODS

Periods bring a mix of changes. Low energy, cravings, mood swings and discomfort. While it is common to reach for sweets or snacks, what your body actually needs during this time is balanced nutrition, especially protein.

WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR BODY

- During menstruation, levels of hormones like estrogen and progesterone drop. This affects serotonin, which controls mood and appetite. As a result, you may feel low and crave sugary foods.
- At the same time, your body loses blood and important nutrients. This increases the need for better nourishment, not just quick fixes like sugar or processed snacks.

WHY PROTEIN HELPS

- Protein supports your body in multiple ways during your cycle. It helps restore lost nutrients and keeps your energy levels stable. Unlike sugary foods, protein keeps you full for longer and reduces frequent cravings.
- It also helps manage blood sugar levels. This can reduce mood swings and prevent sudden energy crashes.

HELPS WITH CRAMPS AND RECOVERY

- Protein supports muscle function, which can help reduce the intensity of cramps. It also helps your body recover faster and feel less fatigued. For many women, including enough protein in meals can make periods feel more manageable.

SUPPORTS SKIN, HAIR AND HORMONES

- Protein plays a role in maintaining skin and hair health. Low intake may lead to issues like dull skin or hair fall. It also supports hormone balance, which is important for conditions like PCOS or irregular cycles.

EASY WAYS TO INCLUDE PROTEIN

You can add protein through simple foods:

- Dairy like curd or milk
- Legumes and dals
- Nuts and seeds
- Paneer or tofu

You do not need complicated meals. Small additions through the day are enough.

Cravings during periods are normal, but relying only on sugar does not help. Your body needs proper nutrition to cope with the changes. Adding enough protein to your meals helps improve energy, reduce cravings and support overall health during your cycle.

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I, **SOURABH PRAKASH MEHTA (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 28 YEARS, S/O PRAKASH KARAN MEHTA, RESIDING AT FLAT NO 002, ASCENT VEDA APARTMENT, K R ROAD, BASAVANAGUDI, BENGALURU 560004, KARNATAKA STATE, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SOURABH KARAN MEHTA (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 11/MAR/2026, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) SAVARA MUTHU,** father of NO.JC-313338H, SUB HONY LT, AROKYA FERNANDEZ S, residing at Nedungampattu (Vill), Madam (Post), Tirukovilour (Tehsil), Viluppuram (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 605759, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) N A SAVARIMUTHU ANTHONY AYYAVU** And **DOB** from **01.07.1951** to **10.07.1953** Vide Affidavit Dated 25.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary S.I. BALAGURU BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SALAGELA LAKSHMI NARAYANA MURTY (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 52 YEARS, S/O SUBBA RAO SALAGELA, RESIDING AT NO 333, 10th A MAIN ROAD, MANJUNATHNAGAR, BENGALURU 560010, KARNATAKA STATE, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO **SALAGELA LAKSHMI NARAYANA MURTHY (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 28/MAR/2026, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DHARAPPA SHIVAPPA (OLD NAME),** AGED ABOUT 51 YEARS, S/O SHIVAPPA, RESIDING AT NO 48, 1ST CROSS, BANDEMATA LAYOUT, KENGERI SATELLITE TOWN, BENGALURU 560060, KARNATAKA STATE, HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO **DHARAPPA (NEW NAME),** VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATED 11/MAR/2026, SWORN BEFORE NOTARY MEER HASSAN BENGALURU.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NEHA SARAF,** residing at No.154, Teachers Colony, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560070, have changed my name to **NEHA VINOD SARAF** vide affidavit dated 27.03.2026. Before notary Mohammad Hussain. K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ABHISHEK BOHARA,** S/o. Man Bahadur Bohara, aged about 21 years, residing at No.7/1, Hony Galary Apartment, 15th Cross, Kanakanagar, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru -560032, Aadhar No.9146 5970 6432, I state that my father former name is Mr. Man Bahadura and my mother name is Smt. Bhajan Bohara in the PUC marks card. I am declaring myself my parents correct name is **Mr. Man Bahadur Bohara** (father) and **Smt. Bhajan Devi Bohara** (mother), this affidavit stands for all purpose of name correction, vide Affidavit dated 10.02.2026 before Notary R.S.Vijaya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SARALA PILLESHA** (Old Name), aged about 60 years, W/o **Pillesha Narayanappa,** resident of No.7, 9th Main, Aditya Nagar, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore -560 097, have changed my name to **SARALA.M.V** (New Name) vide affidavit dated: 30/3/2026 Before Notary **Bharati Patil** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JASMIN JAMSHEER** Aged about 31 years, D/o. Mr. Basheer Kunjumarakkar Karappan Veettil, Residing at Sobha Petunia No. B3-1112, 11th Floor, Veerannapalya, Nagavara, Bangalore-560 045, **Aadhaar: 2308 8678 9145,** had changed my name and adopted my new name **"JASMIN K BASHEER"** before the Notary Public Shri. SIVAKUMARA.M.N, Bangalore on 28th day of March 2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BALAKRISHNA**, S/o K Bhojanna Bhat, R/o No. B 69 (5), Shri Nilaya House, Near Balanja Higher Primary School, Dakshina Kannada Karnataka – 574217, have permanently changed my name from **BALAKRISHNA** to **KAVOOR BALAKRISHNA BHAT**, vide affidavit dated 30/03/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BHAGYALAKSHMI,** W/o. Venkatesha R Residing at Manjunatha Nilaya, Raysingh Layout, 10th Cross, Hoskote, Bangalore Rural Dist. Pin: 562114 have changed my name to **BHAGYALAKSHMI R** for all purposes affidavit dated 30/03/2026 sworn before advocate and notary K C Gowthami, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH**, S/o Shantappa R/o H-No. 21-8, Hospet Street Near Gandi Chowk Basavakalyan, Bidar, Karnataka - 585327, have permanently changed my name from **SANTOSH** to **SANTOSH BHUSHETTY,** vide affidavit dated 30/03/2026, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOPALAKRISHNA K** S/o Pillappa, R/o Kadahalli Kolar, Karnataka -563128, have permanently changed my name from **GOPALAKRISHNA K** to **GOPALAKRISHNA**, vide affidavit dated 30/03/2026 sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHIVAKUMARA SWAMY. M,** S/o. Mahadevappa, aged about 45 years, residing at No. 11, 7th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Nayandahalli, Bangalore - 560 039, have changed my name from **SHIVA KUMAR SWAMY. M** to **SHIVAKUMARA SWAMY. M,** vide affidavit dated 25/3/2026 sworn to before A S Narayana Reddy Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. Babu Venkatappa Reddy**, aged about 48 years, son of Venkatappa Reddy, residing at #225, Koppa Village, Hulimangala Post, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru - 560105, have changed my minor son's name from **Pranith Babu** to **Praneeth Babu**, vide affidavit dated 28/3/2026 sworn to before A C Subbu Swamy Advocate and Notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JHINUK MOITRA**, D/o Arabinda Moitra, age 44 years, R/at No. A-402, Goyal Footprints, Chokkanahalli Road, Near Vibgyor School, RK Hegde Nagar, Yelahanka Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e **JHINUK MOITRA** and **JHINUK RUDRA** are one and the same and refers to me only, now I have changed my name to **JHINUK MOITRA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **JHINUK MOITRA** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28th March 2026, sworn before Notar **I. KANIKHARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATISH NAIR**, S/o Raman Padmanabhan Nair, age 52 years, R/at Flat No. 8074, Sobha Arena, Square Block, 1st Main Road, Off. Kanakapura Road, Judicial Layout, Thalaghattapura, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SATISH PADMANABHAN NAIR** to **SATISH NAIR,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SATISH NAIR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MAHESHA .J.J** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJANA NAGARAJ RAO**, D/o Nagaraj T N, R/o No.152, 5th Main Road, 4th Phase, Near Kamakya Theatre, BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru-560 085 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANJANA RAO N** alias **NAGARAJ SANJANA RAO** to **SANJANA NAGARAJ RAO,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANJANA NAGARAJ RAO** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. BASAVARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GLORY A,** W/o M Raju, R/at No. 63, HKBK College Road, 9th Cross, Kuppaswamy Layout, Nagawara, A.C. Post, Bangalore-560 045 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **VIOLET GLORY** and **GLORY A** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **GLORY A,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GLORY A** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary 28-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VENKATESHA M.T.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M RAJU,** S/o Mani, R/at No. 63, R/at No. 63, HKBK College Road, 9th Cross, Kuppaswamy Layout, Nagawara, A.C. Post, Bangalore-560 045 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **T.M. JHONSON** and **M RAJU** are one and the same and refers to me only, but my correct name is **M RAJU,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **M RAJU** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary 28-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VENKATESHA M.T.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Manasa D.S.** Daughter of srinivas D.V. W/o Late Jayaramu R/o Hiridevi Layout, Behind Government Hospital, belagola Village and Post, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District-571606. Have change my Name From **Smt. Manasa D.S. W/o Late Jayaramu to Smt. Manasa D.S. W/o K.N. Mohan Kumar** Vide AFFIDAVIT Dated 25/03/2026 Sworn Before notary R.VISHWANATH Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **Guruprasad M.** S/o Mariyachar P.I. Residing at. No-C.H-18, NAL Staff Quarters, Near JB Nagar Police Station, Kodihalli, Bengaluru North, bengaluru, Karnataka State. 560017 Have Changed My Son name **SUYANSH.G to SUDHANVA.G** Vide AFFIDAVIT Dated 25/03/2026 Sworn Before notary R.VISHWANATH Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I **ANANDHA Alias Avalamurthy L.A.** Son of Avalappa Residing at Linganahalli, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka-561203 Have Change my Name to **Avalamurthy L A** Vide AFFIDAVIT Dated 25/03/2026 Sworn Before notary R.VISHWANATH Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHABANA SAMIULLA TENGINKER** (old name) Resident of Old No 49/38 New No 34 6th D Cross 1st Book Koramangala Venkatapura Belgalore 560034 (address), have changed my name as **SHABANA BALESA PINJAR** (new name) henceforth I will be called and recognized by new name for all future purposes, dated: 30/03/2026.

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The home's décor is a combination of antique furniture and curios collected from travels across the world

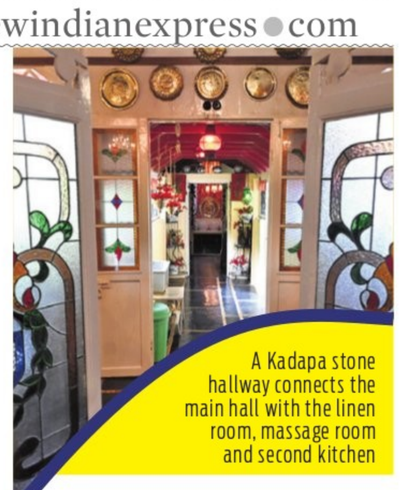
Priya Mascarenhas

A TRUE-BLUE BANGALORE HOME

Prominent businesswoman Priya Mascarenhas' 150-year-old heritage home is a step back in time to colonial India

PICS: SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

The Italian tile ceiling, wooden beams and fans are all from the original British bungalow, built 150 years ago



A Kadapa stone hallway connects the main hall with the linen room, massage room and second kitchen

Priya Mascarenhas' garden is maintained entirely through rainwater harvesting

Front view of the house

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

DAVID Lean, the director of *A Passage to India* gave me those," mentions businesswoman Priya Mascarenhas about the three iron lamps hanging from the ceiling of her foyer. She explains, "He was a friend and when they were shooting the film in Bengaluru, they had collected props from all over the city's antique stores." This is a recurring theme as we look around her 150-year-old heritage home nestled at the very end of Cookson Road – every object decorating her walls and spread across all available surfaces has a story and a place attached to it.

Since Priya and her late husband, businessman Mohan Mascarenhas, moved into the family home, in 1973, they've kept the structure intact in its historic charm. "He and I had this vision that we should make the house a typical old Bangalore home so we kept everything and saw to it that its features didn't change. That was a hell of a challenge. The house has its original monkey tops, high ceilings and stained glass too but we've worked on strengthening its bones – the walls, the beams." She also points out the intricate designs decorating the sloped ceiling high above us, as Italian tiles from the time the house was built. The ceiling fans too, are likely from that period and still kicking. The furniture, heavy and dark, adds to the weight of the space, many inherited from both sides of the family – antique bedsteads, tables and a British-era Piano are placed throughout. These efforts towards preserving the home's character earned the Mascarenhas' the INTACH Heritage Award in 2016.

As the globe-trotting couple travelled the world, they picked up unique curios from each of the countries they visited before Mohan passed away a year and a half ago. Amid the Catholic icons collected in Rome and Eastern Europe, statues of Buddha from East Asia, masks from Africa and art from all over, a clear preoccupation emerges – blue plates, her total collection over 400 strong. Against the cream-yellow walls, the 'blue looks royal' says Mascarenhas, adding, "They are from various places – Amsterdam and all over Europe, China, the newest are from my granddaughter brought from Turkey." Arranged among a cluster of blue plates in a corner table are other objects Priya is repeatedly drawn to – figurines of *The Pieta* and right behind them, two statues of the Buddha.

Beyond the large main hall is a hallway where you can still feel the chill of Kadapa stone underfoot, leading into a section of the house that used to be the colonial 'servants' quarters' but is now a massage room, a linen room, and a second kitchen (apart from the one connecting the main hall and stone hallway). "The kitchen at the back (where we now cook fish) used to be the butler's kitchen. The kitchen we use daily, was once the pantry – where the butlers used to warm up the food before serving their British mem-sahebs," explains Priya.

The biggest change from the 19th century house is the bathroom, updated to meet current needs but still very even handed with modification. "We upgraded the bathroom only because the had old cisterns which are not user-friendly, and replaced the tiles with Spanish tiles to keep the colonial look."

How does your garden grow?

Situated amid a row of newer, multi-storey houses, Silverend is the very picture of an old Bangalore home and a reminder of why this town came to be known as The Garden City – surrounded by half an acre of plants Priya has lovingly cultivated over 53 years. "I consider the garden the soul of Silverend," she says, recalling, "Before us, this was a cacti and rose garden, very much in my husband's aunt's style. But the thing about roses is they bloom and dry up – I did not like that, I wanted flowers that bloom all year round so I gravitate to petunias, heliconias, different types ixoras, lots of ferns, monsteras, chrysanthemums and allamandas of different types."

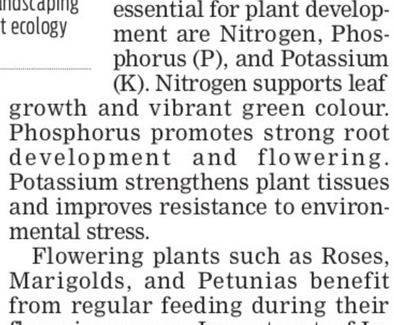
Maintained entirely by a rainwater harvesting system, the half acre is home to 500 species of plants. A small bridge and a mechanical waterfall emerges like a surprise at its heart. The garden is even more decorated than the house as Priya says with pride, "It has won the outstanding ornamental garden award for 47 years straight." But as recent times have been a period of withdrawal for Priya, she has given up both travel and entering her garden in competitions.

Now, her house is a vessel for all the memories gathered with children, grandchildren and few visitors allowed a look inside. "From each place I've been, I've brought something back so now, I can sit down and tell my grandchildren the story of our shared life – memories of our travels from Egypt, the Middle East, Russia, China, Japan – I've been all around the world at least twice over," she says.

THEGREENMANUAL

The science behind healthy plants

PLANTS appear simple on the surface. They sit quietly in soil, growing slowly while responding to light and water. Yet, there lies a complex biological system that has evolved for millions of years. Understanding this science is the key to keeping plants healthy in homes, landscapes, restaurants, hotels and urban environments.



The role of sunlight

Sunlight is the primary driver of plant growth. However, not all plants require the same intensity of light.

Plants such as Bougainvillea, Hibiscus, and Plumeria (Champa) require strong sunlight and typically perform best with at least 5-6 hours of direct sun daily. These species thrive in warm tropical climates across India including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

On the other hand, foliage plants such as Monstera deliciosa, Epipremnum aureum (Money Plant), and Aglaonemacan tolerate lower light conditions. These plants evolved under forest canopies where sunlight is filtered through tree leaves. As a result, they are widely used in indoor landscapes.

Regional climate plays an important role in sunlight management. In north India, winter sunlight becomes weaker and shorter in duration, meaning indoor plants may require brighter window placements. In southern coastal regions such as Kerala and Goa, sunlight remains relatively strong throughout the year, allowing a wider variety of plants to grow outdoors.

Dr Ekta Chaudhary
Dr Ekta Chaudhary is the founder of Garden Up and a leading expert in urban landscaping and plant ecology

Water: Finding the right balance

Water is essential for transporting nutrients and maintaining plant structure. However, the relationship between plants and water is often misunderstood. Contrary to common belief, many plants die not from lack of water but from overwatering. When soil remains constantly saturated, air pockets disappear and roots are deprived of oxygen. This leads to root rot and eventual plant decline.

Plants such as Snake Plant, Aloe vera and Jade Plant evolved in dry environments and therefore, prefer soil that dries out between watering cycles. These plants perform well in dry urban climates such as Delhi, Jaipur, and Hyderabad.

In contrast, tropical species such as Peace Lily, Ferns and Calathea prefer consistently moist soil and higher humidity. These plants thrive in humid regions such as coastal Karnataka, Kerala and parts of northeast India.

Plant nutrition

The primary nutrients essential for plant development are Nitrogen, Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K). Nitrogen supports leaf growth and vibrant green colour. Phosphorus promotes strong root development and flowering. Potassium strengthens plant tissues and improves resistance to environmental stress.

Flowering plants such as Roses, Marigolds, and Petunias benefit from regular feeding during their flowering seasons. In most parts of India, this period falls between October and March, when temperatures remain moderate.

Organic fertilisers such as compost or vermicompost provide a balanced nutrient supply while improving soil health. In landscapes, these materials mimic natural ecosystems where decaying organic matter continually replenishes nutrients in the soil.

Soil: The hidden ecosystem

Healthy soil is not just a physical support system for plants – it is a living ecosystem. Beneath the surface lies a complex network of microbes, fungi, insects and organic matter working together to recycle nutrients.

Plants such as Canna indica, Heliconia, and Alpinia thrive in nutrient-rich soils that contain high organic matter. These plants are commonly used in resort landscapes across tropical regions like Goa and Kerala.

In contrast, succulents such as Agave americana and Adenium obesum (Desert Rose) require sandy, well-drained soils that prevent water accumulation around roots.

Improving soil with compost, cocopeat, or sand can dramatically improve plant survival in urban landscapes.

Temperature and adaptation

Most plants grow best within a temperature range of 15-35°C, which fortunately aligns with much of India's climate. However, seasonal variations influence plant behaviour. In north India, winter temperatures may drop below 10°C, slowing plant growth. Many tropical plants enter a semi-dormant phase during this period. In contrast, summer temperatures above 40°C in regions such as Rajasthan and central India require heat-tolerant species such as Tecoma stans, Bougainvillea, and Cassia fistula (Amaltas).

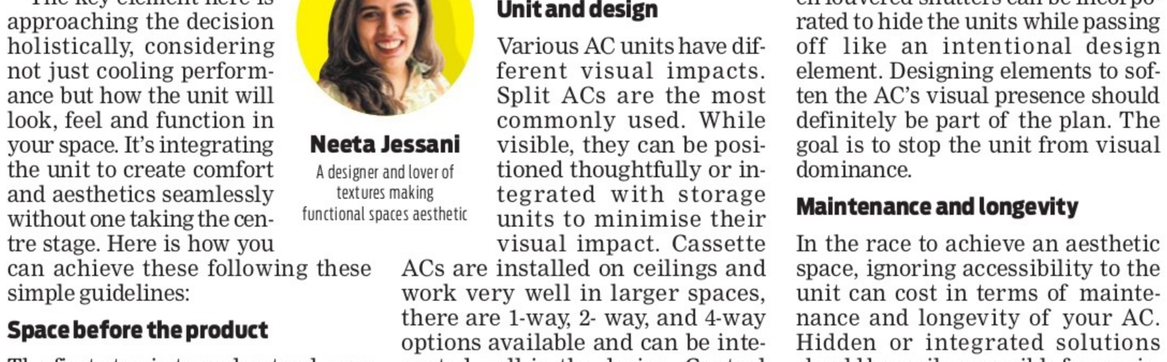
Selecting plants adapted to regional climates reduces maintenance and improves landscape resilience.

Plants as living systems

Healthy plants are the result of balanced environmental conditions. Sunlight, water, soil, nutrients, and temperature all interact to create the environment in which plants grow.

When landscapes are designed with this ecological understanding, plants require far less intervention. In cities, where concrete often dominates the landscape, understanding the science behind plants allows us to design spaces where nature and architecture coexist harmoniously.

BEAT THE HEAT, AESTHETICALLY!



DESIGN STORY

Neeta Jessani
A designer and lover of textures making functional spaces aesthetic

SUMMERS in the city see us reaching out for a lot of things: mangoes, ice creamsand air conditioners (AC). The latter is more a necessity now and it does not end with just making the purchase. ACs are large, bulky and, most times, an eye sore if not integrated with the space well. In modern homes, each corner is thoughtfully curated – from wall finishes and lighting to furniture and décor. Hence, air conditioner is no longer just a functional appliance in the background; it's a visible part of the design. If not planned and chosen efficiently, a bulky unit, poor placement and exposed wiring can ruin the most aesthetically-designed interiors.

The key element here is approaching the decision holistically, considering not just cooling performance but how the unit will look, feel and function in your space. It's integrating the unit to create comfort and aesthetics seamlessly without one taking the centre stage. Here is how you can achieve these following these simple guidelines:

Space before the product

The first step is to understand your room size, ceiling height and how much sunlight the space gets. All these influence the capacity of the AC to be bought. A compact bedroom will require a different tonnage than a large living room. Choosing the right capacity will avoid bulky units and insufficient cooling; both of which disrupt design and comfort. If your AC is well suited to your space, it organically integrates better.

Placement, your next priority

There are many sleek options in the market, but even they can look out of place if not installed correctly. Placing the AC directly above focal points like sofas, artwork, or beds can cause visual clutter. Instead, align them with structural features like beams or ceiling lines, ensure they don't interfere with curtains, wardrobes or lighting elements. When the placement is intentional, the AC becomes a part of the design rather than a distraction.

Unit and design

Various AC units have different visual impacts. Split ACs are the most commonly used. While visible, they can be positioned thoughtfully or integrated with storage units to minimise their visual impact. Cassette ACs are installed on ceilings and work very well in larger spaces, there are 1-way, 2- way, and 4-way options available and can be integrated well in the design. Central air conditioning systems are the most seamless option and can be chosen if the budget permits and the spaces have enough height to accommodate the ducts. In this, only the vents are visible.

Plan early

One of the most common mistakes made is treating AC as an afterthought. Planning for the installation early on eliminates exposed pipes, visible wires, and inappropriate placements. When ACs are planned during the design stage, there is better coordination between the ceiling and lighting plans, all pipes and wires are concealed, and the final output is cleaner and well put together.

Conceal, conceal, conceal

The best way to maintain the aesthetics while air conditioning a space is by concealing them in design elements like false ceiling and pelmets that also help with hiding away the ducting and bulky units. Cane and bamboo shutters, or wooden louvered shutters can be incorporated to hide the units while passing off like an intentional design element. Designing elements to soften the AC's visual presence should definitely be part of the plan. The goal is to stop the unit from visual dominance.

Maintenance and longevity

In the race to achieve an aesthetic space, ignoring accessibility to the unit can cost in terms of maintenance and longevity of your AC. Hidden or integrated solutions should be easily accessible for servicing without leading to ceiling or wall damage. Smart design solutions that are visually clean and easy to maintain should be opted over something better looking that won't hold up in the long run.

A still from the film

RISHAB SHETTY FILMS TO COLLABORATE WITH MYTHRI MOVIE MAKERS FOR *JAI HANUMAN*

Rishab Shetty and Pragathi Shetty

Rishab Shetty is scaling up his production house while simultaneously working on a new script and bringing his wife, Pragathi Shetty, into a more active production role

Pragathi has been there through the journey and has now understood the intricacies of handling production responsibilities, which she can easily manage. She has been a strong support and will now take on bigger responsibilities at Rishab Shetty Films

Rishab Shetty, filmmaker

A SHARADHAA

WHILE Rishab Shetty's social media detox continues to make headlines, the filmmaker-actor remains firmly focused on work. Currently camped in Hyderabad, Rishab is preparing to join the sets of director Prasanth Varma's *Jai Hanuman*. The project, which commenced shooting after the muhurath at Anjandri Betta, is progressing at a brisk pace. He is expected to begin filming in May and is presently engaged in look tests and other pre-production preparations. The film has music by MM Keeravani, cinematography by S Thirunavukkarasu, and production design by Srinagendhra Thangala.

The latest development around the film is that Rishab's banner, Rishab Shetty Films, will collaborate with Mythri Movie Makers for *Jai Hanuman*, marking a significant scale-up for his home production. The Prashanth Varma directorial, produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y Ravi Shankar of Mythri Movie Makers and presented by Bhushan Kumar of T-Series, is envisioned as a pan-India project to be made and released in multiple languages. The collaboration with a leading production house underlines the film's scale and ambition.

On the production front, Rishab also mentioned that his wife, Pragathi Shetty, will take on a more active role. "Pragathi has been there through the journey and has now understood the intricacies of handling production responsibilities, which she can easily manage. She has been a strong support and will now take on bigger responsibilities at Rishab Shetty Films," he shared.

Even as he concentrates on acting, Rishab has begun writing his next script. However, the filmmaker chose to remain tight-lipped about the details, stating that he would reveal more about the subject at the right time.

Meanwhile, Rishab Shetty Films is actively listening to new scripts. Rishab, along with Pragathi, aims to nurture fresh Kannada talent and build a diverse slate of projects.

Vamshi to helm Salman Khan's next

EXPRESS FEATURES

A few months ago, we had reported about Dil Raju planning to make a film with Salman Khan. While the producer had denied the rumours back then, the project has been officially confirmed now. On Monday, the makers shared a press release, confirming the collaboration with the *Dabangg* star while also confirming that *Varisu*-fame Vamshi Paidipally will be helming direction for the film. The film's production banner, Sri Venkateswara Creations, captioned the announcement post, "Salman Khan, a phenomenon who has delivered countless moments of celebration to audiences across the world, now joins hands with our very own, dearest blockbuster filmmaker Vamshi Paidipally."

Besides his project with Salman, Dil Raju is also producing the Hindi remake of *Sankranthiki Vasthunam*, with Akshay Kumar in the lead.

Meanwhile, Salman Khan also has *Maatrubhumi* (previously titled *Battle of Galwan*), slated for release on August 15.

Dhananjay

Dhananjay to back and star in Poornachandra Mysore's directorial debut

EXPRESS FEATURES

ACTOR-producer Dhananjay has teased a new project even as he juggles a packed slate that includes *Anna From Mexico, Halagali,* and *666 Operation Dream Theatre*. Expanding steadily as both a performer and producer, he has now come on board a film that also marks the directorial debut of his long-time friend and actor Poornachandra Mysoru.

Taking to social media, Dhananjay revealed that he first came across Poornachandra's script nearly six months ago, where it remained unread on his table. When he eventually picked it up, the material immediately struck a chord. Drawn to its emotional pull and narrative voice, he decided not only to produce the project but also to play a key role in it.

"Listening to scripts is exhausting, but reading them is where the magic lies," Dhananjay noted, underlining his preference for bound scripts over narrations. He described the story as one that balances humour with emotional depth, unfolding through characters rooted in contemporary Bengaluru.

While the script remained incomplete back then, the project resurfaced months later during a casual conversation, when Dhananjay learned that Poornachandra had paused writing, unsure of its potential. Revisiting the material, the actor found himself fully immersed once again. He urged the filmmaker to complete it and committed to backing the film. Poornachandra, in turn, insisted that Dhananjay take on a pivotal role, a proposal the actor readily accepted.

Filmmaker Shashank Soghal, the director of Daredevil Musthafa, has since joined the project, collaborating with Poornachandra, while production support comes from Dhananjay's associate Harsha. The team has progressed steadily, with Dhananjay hinting at a "most lovable ending."

While the film is likely titled *Mother Promise*, Dhananjay is said to play a pivotal role

Billed as a Gen Z-driven entertainer that blends emerging voices with mainstream appeal, the film is currently in post-production, with a festive release window in sight. While Dhananjay has only offered a poetic tease so far, it is learnt that the film is titled *Mother Promise*, with an official announcement and further details expected soon.

Poornachandra Mysore

Malashree, Bhoomi Shetty's *Kendada Seragu* locks April release

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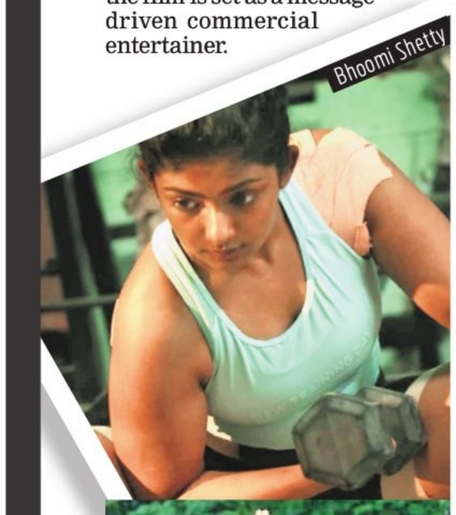
KENDADA SERAGU, starring Malashree and Bhoomi Shetty, is set for a theatrical release on April 17. Directed by Rocky Somli, the film is positioned as a crime investigation drama layered with a social message.

Produced by Kotresh Gowda under the Sri Muthu Talkies banner, the project features an ensemble cast including Shobhita, Prathima Thakur, Mohan Kumar, Vardhan, Yash Shetty, Sindhu Lokanath and Harish Arasu.

Set against a contemporary backdrop, the narrative explores themes of women's dignity and the vulnerabilities young women face in present-day society. The story follows a young woman who places her trust in the wrong person and how this decision alters her life and draws her into an exploitative network.

Malashree plays a police officer who leads the investigation into the racket, anchoring the film's central conflict. The role marks another action-oriented outing for the actor, reinforcing her established screen image.

The technical team includes cinematography by Vipin and music by Veeresh Kambli. The film blends social drama with investigative elements, aiming to address sensitive issues while retaining mainstream appeal. With its mix of emotions and crime, **the film is set as a message-driven commercial entertainer.**



Bhoomi Shetty

Malashree

Harry Potter S2 in early development

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EVEN before the first season premieres, HBO has begun laying the groundwork for the next chapter of its ambitious *Harry Potter* adaptation. Network executive Casey Bloys confirmed that writing is already underway for Season 2, signalling a proactive approach to the series' long-term rollout.

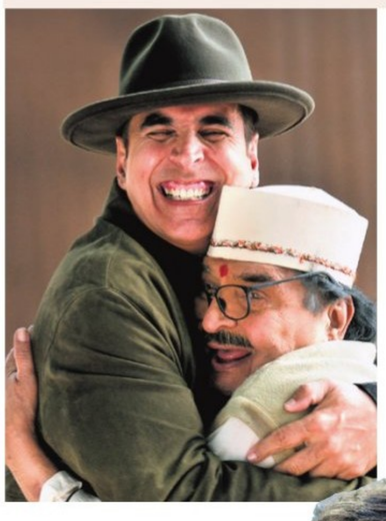
The series is designed as a faithful retelling of JK Rowling's seven-book saga, with each season adapting one novel. The first season draws from *Harry Potter* and the Sorcerer's Stone, and its trailer has already teased several iconic moments: from Harry receiving his Hogwarts letter to his first journey on the Hogwarts Express and discovering a Quidditch broomstick. Familiar figures like Dumbledore, Snape, and Draco Malfoy also make brief appearances.

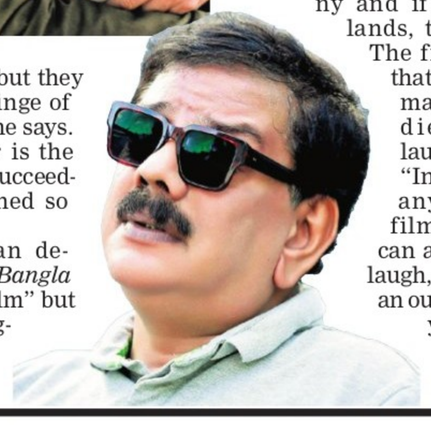
Leading the cast is Dominic McLaughlin as Harry, alongside Alastair Stout as Ron Weasley and Arabella

'Comedy should not punch down'

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

PRIYADARSHAN has done it all. His Hindi film career might have been overshadowed by comedies in the early 2000s (*Hera Pheri*, 2000; *Hungama*, 2003; *Hulchul*, 2004) but some hard-hitting romantic-dramas (*Kyon Ki...*,2005), some social-thrillers (*Aakrosh*, 2010) and some actioners (*Tezz*, 2012), still managed to seep in. The director's southern works have been more varied with period dramas like *Kaalapaani* (1996) and *Kanchivaram* (2008) in the mix. "In the last 45 years, I have tried every genre of cinema," says Priyadarshan, now in his 70th birth-year, gearing up for his 100th film for which he will be reuniting with long-time collaborator Mohanlal. Before that, however, he has two other polar opposite projects coming up: a horror-comedy titled *Bhooth Bangla*, for which he is bringing back the rip-roaring comedy ensemble of Akshay Kumar, Paresh Rawal, Rajpal Yadav and the late Asrani, and *Haiwaan*, a remake of his 2016 psychological thriller *Oppam*, in which Saif Ali Khan and Akshay will be engaged in a cat-n-mouse chase. "The thing is if you only make comedy films, you are not taken seriously as a director," he says. "So, I did period-dramas, thrillers, romantic films, even some art-house projects but they always had a tinge of comedy in it," he says. "That humour is the reason I have succeeded and sustained so far."





Priyadarshan describes *Bhooth Bangla* as a "fantasy film" but not without logic. "I don't believe in fooling audiences," he says. "I mean, we do exaggerate at times but here I have used a logic based on our Indian folklore. It's a horror-comedy, sometimes you feel tense and sometimes you feel like laughing. I think I have done a good combination of both." But comedy is a serious business. How does he assess if a particular scene is "funny"? "I believe that while filming a comic scene if the unit laughs, audiences won't," says Priyadarshan. "I ask my actors to be as serious as possible. They don't have to make faces. I don't like double-meaning dialogues. The situation itself should be funny and if the punchline lands, that's a bonus." The filmmaker states that it's still easier to make horror-comedies than pure laugh-out-loud films. "In a horror film or any other serious film, a minor joke can also get you a big laugh," he explains. "In an out-and-out comedy you really have to push the humour because the viewers have come prepared to laugh and their expectations are quite high. In a horror-comedy the scares get them nervous and then they like to crack up to ease some of that tension."

Bhooth Bangla marks Priyadarshan's reunion with Akshay Kumar after 16 years (their last film together was the social-drama-comedy *Khatta Meetha* in 2010). Their collaboration started with *Hera Pheri* (2000), where the filmmaker discovered the actor's impeccable comic timing. "There is a common man sensibility in Akshay. His body language isn't graceful, it is very everyday and that's what makes you laugh," says Priyadarshan. "I feel he is better received by audiences in a realistic than a larger-than-life role." The director goes on to explain how Akshay and his *Bhooth Bangla* co-star Paresh Rawal are different in their approaches towards comedy. "Paresh has a theatre background," he says. "He is used to getting immediate reaction from the audiences and thus can anticipate better how viewers will receive anything he does on screen. Akshay, on the other hand, goes completely by the script."